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MEMORIAL

OF

JAMES THOMPSON,

OF

CHARLESTOWN, MASS., 1630–1642,
AND
WOBURN, MASS., 1642–1682;

AND OF

Eight Generations of His Descendants.

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PREFACE.

It is deemed proper, before the Thompson Memorial manuscript leaves me, that something should be said of its history.

More than fifty years ago, I became interested in the family history of my ancestors, and never failed to seize upon and retain every item of it that could subserve my object, which was then wholly my personal gratification. Thirty years ago my interest was largely increased by looking through a brief manuscript genealogy mainly of families of Thompsons in the vicinity of Woburn and Charlestown, prepared by Cyrus Thompson, Esq., of Woburn, and Henry Jaques, Esq., of Boston, which, as a beginning, was worthy of special commendation. To this collection of names and dates, I was able to add more or less each year by employing a large part of the time I could command outside professional duties.

At the organization of the Thompson Memorial Association in 1884, I was appointed, by vote of the members, their historian, with the added request that I would, as rapidly as possible consistently with thoroughness, complete the work which had so long occupied my leisure hours. This I have endeavored to do, though with many perplexities and often apparently insuperable obstacles, such as they only can comprehend who have had a like experience. I have visited many towns, near and far off; searched many and sometimes very obscure and unsatisfactory records, and written letters without number. Some of these letters failed to receive any recognition, some were answered by promises which were never performed, and some

were answered only in part; but a large number brought a prompt, full, and hearty response, which was welcomed in each case as a benediction. I had feared that I should wear out the patience of those I addressed by my persistence, but, in the main, they have borne with me nobly, and placed me under great obligations for their attention to my wants. Thus, despite all the trials, and delays, and perplexities, I have greatly enjoyed my work. A growing interest and even a fascination have led me on and on to the conclusion.

I cannot do justice to myself without a distinct acknowledgment of the great kindness of many friends, to some of whom I have been very pleasantly introduced through my work. Beside those who have furnished to me the special record of their own families, there are not a few who have patiently taken the time and expended the labor necessary to secure for me the records of numerous other related and often scattered families. Among these I cannot forbear to mention the following:

Mrs. H. T. Dewey, Monson, Mass., Mrs. Harriet J. Baker, Amherst, Mass., Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wheaton, Barre, Vt., Mrs. Emma E. Chase, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. George Lee, Everett, Mass., Mrs. May Abbott Thompson, for Capt. Tobias O. Thompson, Winterport, Me., Cyrus Woodman, Esq., Cambridge, Mass., Charles M. Freeman, Esq., West Baldwin, Me., F. A. Hosmer, Great Barrington, Mass., Addison F. Bond, Brooklyn, N. Y., Josiah A. Thompson, West Falmouth, Mass., Ferris Sherman Thompson, New York, Abraham R. Thompson, Esq., Boston, Edward H. Thompson, Esq., Cambridge, Mass., the late Ebenezer Rumford Thompson, Esq., Dunkirk, N. Y., the late Nathan Wyman, Woburn, Mass., James Thompson, Esq., Hooksett, N. H., Edward C. Thompson, Brandon, Vt., Rev. Charles W. Thompson, Westminster, Vt., Horace W. Thompson, Esq., Bellows Falls, Vt., Abijah Thompson, Esq., Winchester, Mass.

I have also been greatly aided by my friend, S. Millett Thompson, Esq., of Providence, R. I., who, though representing another family of Thompsons, ought to have descended from James of Charlestown and Woburn.

Before closing these introductory paragraphs, it is deemed proper that the writer should add a few facts of a more general character.

During the time employed in the preparation of the Thompson Memorial, there have been, in repeated instances, mutual disappointments in the experience of both myself and my correspondents bearing the name of Thompson, in our inability to connect our respective families. It was well known, in the outset, that there were several distinct families of the name in New England and other States. But research has proved, beyond question, that these families are far more numerous than is generally supposed. I cannot say how many there are, but I have gathered, from time to time, a mass of material, which, if reduced to order and written out, would, of itself, fill a respectable volume. In visits, here and there, I have often found representatives of from four to six entirely distinct families in a single town. Instead of the half dozen which were once supposed to be found, it now seems safe to say there are at least from twenty to thirty in New England alone. In New York, Pennsylvania, and several of the western States, to say nothing of the southern, there have been found many more. It would perhaps be pleasant if we could all meet and join hands as belonging to one family, but in this country, at least, I am convinced that the missing links of connection will never be found. In England and Scotland to some extent, they may be. Many of the English coats-of-arms and some of the American, bear, except in some less important details, for which the occasional setting up of new heads of families might account, so much resemblance as to suggest strongly one origin and one original family. Major Robert Thompson of London, his son Joseph of Hackney, his grandson Joseph of the "Inner Temple," William of Eltsham, and Sir William, a member of the "Corporation of New England," all seem to have felt a warm interest in the New England colonies, and to have been owners of property in Boston and elsewhere on this side the water, though, so far as appears, they never came to this country in person. The same was true of a large number

of others connected with this family, some of them ranking among the highest in station and influence, including several barons and knights of whom it is recorded, "they took great interest in the affairs of the British Colonies in North America, and had an important part in their management."

But at this distance of time, and on this side the water, it is not easy, probably it is not possible, to trace the exact relations of these old English families to the early New England families of Thompsons. Many facts indicate that kindred links did connect them, and while the arms of Sir William have come down through many generations of James Thompson's descendants, the arms of two or three other English families, evidently allied to that of Sir William, have long been in the possession of other New England families.

The most numerous and best known families of Thompsons in New England, beside that of James, are the following:

The Plymouth family, whose founder, John, came over in the third embarkation from England with his mother and stepfather, and arrived at Plymouth in May, 1622, when in the sixth year of his age. His descendants are very numerous, especially in Plymouth County.

Another family is said to have settled in or near Portsmouth, N. H., about 1623, or a little later. Two brothers, David and Robert, as is supposed, were the patriarchs. David was the agent of Mason and Gorges, and subsequently lived on an island, which still bears his name, in Boston Harbor. Robert ultimately settled in or near Durham, N. H., and his descendants are still found in that town and elsewhere, in large numbers.

Anthony, William, and John Thompson, brothers, arrived at Charlestown, Mass., about 1637, and soon settled at New Haven, Conn. They became the ancestors of a very numerous posterity, now found in that State, in New York, in Pennsylvania, in Massachusetts, and elsewhere.

Rev. William Thompson, who became the first pastor of the church in Quincy, in 1639, was the ancestor of numerous descendants in Massachusetts and Maine.

We could go on and enumerate many other families less extensive and not so well known at least in Massachusetts, but the work is needless, if not endless. I will only add that I have been greatly surprised that, in the case of most of these many families, no one seemed able, clearly and satisfactorily, to trace the generations back to a known first founder, even in this country. This, however, is, by no means, true of all. Should all these families, hereafter, be traced even to their American founders, some one has a vast work before him, yet it is a very desirable work. And no one would rejoice more sincerely in the achievement than the compiler of this imperfect Memorial Volume.

L. THOMPSON.

NORTH WOBURN, MASS., March 2, 1887.

EXPLANATIONS.

THERE will be found in the following Memorial Volume, most of the usual abbreviations; as the initials or abbreviated forms of the names of colleges, offices, titles, etc.; also b. for born; m. for married; unm. for unmarried; d. for died; w. for wife; wid. for widow; dau. or daug. for daughter; res. for resides, or resident; rem. for removed; ch. for children; gr. for great, or grand. The interrogation point (?) indicates doubt.

The children, in each separate family, are separately numbered. The children of married daughters, and, in a few instances, the grandchildren, bearing other names, when given, are also separately numbered, but with less of detail.

The continuous numbers on the left of the names are intended to give a consecutive enumeration of those descendants of James Thompson who bear, or have borne, the name of Thompson. And those numbers in this continuous line which are given in larger type than the rest, refer to the same numbers found at the designation of the heads of new families in the succeeding generation. In each case, the number in large type against the head of a family refers back, of course, to the same number in the consecutive line in the preceding generation. Thus the generations can be easily traced, not only from the first to the last, but also back through all the intervening generations, from the last to the first.

JAMES THOMPSON.

JAMES THOMPSON, one of the original settlers of Woburn, was prominent among those who fixed their residence in that part of the town which is now known as North Woburn. The same difficulty which meets not a few who search in vain for the details of the old English history of their ancestors, meets us, at the outset, in regard to him. As in the case of Edward Converse and many others of Winthrop's great colony who first settled in or near Charlestown, but little is known with certainty of his English antecedents, except that he was born in 1593; married a wife whose only name known to us was Elizabeth; had three sons and one daughter, all probably born in England, and, early in 1630, when he was thirty-seven years of age, joined the large and very choice company of about 1,500 persons, who, under the lead of Governor Winthrop, landed on New England shores during that eventful year. The tradition is that James Thompson was one of the party who landed at Salem in the early part of June.

The most untiring search, so far as it could be made on this side of the ocean, has been prosecuted for many years, in order to ascertain the *place* of his birth. Conjectures have been numerous. The county of York, the county of Kent, and the county of Bedfordshire have been prominent among, though not all, the counties that at different times have been proposed as likely to have contained his birthplace. Yet in each case absolute proof is lacking.

It seems to be nearly if not quite certain that there were numerous related families of Thompsons in London and in several of the nearest counties around that metropolis, and that James, the emigrant, was connected with all of them. These families embraced a considerable number that were eminent in the intellectual, social, and religious world, including quite a number of men who received the order of knighthood. The coats-of-arms of some of them, though differing in minor details, are essentially the same, and the old coat-of-arms which existed in the Woburn family far back in the eighteenth century and which, at the close of the century, in 1799, John Cole, of Boston, who was employed, probably by Samuel Thompson, Esq., to copy it, nearly spoiled by his unauthorized embellishments, is, despite the ornament, identical with that of Sir William Thompson, of London, Kt., whose name appears on the back of it. The arms, however, are of no value whatever to the descendants of James Thompson, except as furnishing a possible clue to his family connections and home in England.

It is a singular circumstance that, in the long lists of early emigrants from England to this country, given by Hotton, there is next to nothing concerning the hundreds who composed Winthrop's colony. Some have supposed that the emigrants themselves evaded an oppressive law which required them to give the details of their English life and standing. Others have suggested that the lists were probably among the papers consumed in the burning of the Government House, and Hotton himself says, "It cannot be doubted but that other lists were made, but they are either lost, or are among the mass of papers still uncatalogued at the Record Office." *

James Thompson was one of the first settlers of Charlestown, and belonged then as afterwards, so far as is known, to the sturdy yeomanry of the community. He with his wife, Elizabeth, was admitted to membership in the First Church in that place Aug. 31, 1633.† In December following he was

* Page 31, introduction to Hotton's lists.

† Some authorities say, but erroneously, July 31, 1632 or 1633.

admitted a freeman of the town. In December, 1640, he was one of the thirty-two men who subscribed his name to the noted Town Orders for Woburn, agreed upon by the commissioners at their first meeting on the 18th of that month. He seems also to have been among the few adventurers who early pushed their way into this almost unknown region and fixed their homes in the wilderness, — he and Henry Baldwin, and probably one or two others in that part of Charlestown Village now known as North Woburn. Charlestown Village was incorporated in 1642 as a distinct municipality, bearing the name of Woburn, in memory, as has always been believed, of the ancient town of that name in Bedfordshire, England, whence some of the emigrants are supposed to have come.

The loss of the early records of the First Church, organized August 14, 1642, renders it difficult, if not impossible, to give the details of its earliest history as an organization, as also the names of its members. But there is strong reason for believing that James Thompson was one of the many first settlers of Woburn who brought their letters from the church in Charlestown, and only awaited the act of outward organization by the seven men of their number who were specially commissioned by the mother church to do it in a legal way, before transferring their relation. That he was one of the earliest members has, so far as can be ascertained, always been the tradition of his descendants in Woburn.

After the Act of Incorporation was secured and the people of the new town began somewhat tardily, as it seems to us, to move in the matter of organization for the separate management of their own affairs, James Thompson was chosen a member of the first board of selectmen, and continued, with occasional brief intervals, to serve the town in that office nearly twenty years. In 1650, he was the commissioner to carry the votes for town officers to Cambridge. The selectmen had their regular meetings for business on the first Monday of every month, and on one special occasion they mutually agreed, as they doubtless had virtually done before, that if any one of their number should fail to be present by

nine o'clock in the morning, the hour appointed, he should pay, for the use of the town, three shillings as a fine, unless he were detained by some providence of God, which the majority present should accept as a sufficient excuse. There is a record that at least two of their number were accordingly fined, one of them at the very next meeting, for being an hour too late. But, though James Thompson's home was two miles distant from the supposed place of meeting, there is no hint that he ever once failed to leave for his numerous posterity a noble example of punctuality and promptness. His business as a plain yeoman did not often connect him with matters of public notoriety, nor associate his name with business outside his own town. On one memorable occasion we find his name joined with that of John Mousall in giving a solemn testimony under oath in regard to certain "land at the new town line, now called the Cambridge Line," and the maintenance of suitable fences, "both inward and outward of the said field" by the "proprietors and their heirs and successors forever." But, outside of his legitimate business as a member of the board of selectmen, we rarely find his name.

James Thompson was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth, dying Nov. 13, 1643, he married Feb. 15, 1644, Susannah Blodgett, widow of Thomas Blodgett of Cambridge. She died Feb. 10, 1661. His youngest son, Jonathan, married, Nov. 28, 1655, a daughter of his father's second wife who bore her mother's name. Of his other children, James died January 24, 1647, an unmarried young man; Simon married Mary Converse, a daughter of Edward Converse, one of the first and foremost settlers of the southern part of Woburn, now Winchester. He dying in 1658, she married, in 1659, John Sheldon of Billerica.

Authorities differ upon the question whether James Thompson had one daughter or two. It is certain that he had a daughter Olive; that on the 3d of September, 1650, she married John Cutler, and that she died before the death of her father. It has been assumed that there was a younger daughter, Mary, who married John Shedd of Billerica, in 1658. But

there is no allusion to such a daughter in any record seen by the writer, and no mention of her or of her children in James Thompson's will; and it seems highly probable that the supposed Mary who married John Shedd of Billerica was really Mary, the widow of Simon, who married "John Sheldon of Billerica." And, though she seems to have died before the death of her first husband's father, her second husband and her children are named in the will. James Thompson himself, the honored patriarch of the family, died in 1682, at the age of 89 years.

It cannot perhaps be determined with absolute certainty, where the house of James Thompson stood; but it seems nearly certain that it was near the junction of Elm, the first and always the principal street of North Woburn, with a new street now known as Traverse. In the southwesterly part of Mr. Rufus Pool's garden, there once stood a house, traces of which some of the oldest citizens still remember. There Jonathan, the youngest son of James Thompson, is believed to have lived and died. There Jonathan, Jr. also lived, and probably died, and there Jabez, the son of Jonathan, Jr. also lived, and reared a large family; Timothy Thompson, who settled in Charlestown just on the eve of the Revolutionary War, and became the patriarch of the present numerous Thompsons of that place, being conspicuous among the eight children. As James, in his will, gave his own dwelling house to his son Jonathan, and Jonathan married the daughter of his second wife, by her first marriage, it seems all but certain that the house, which was the home of four generations of his descendants, was also his own home. It is certain that he gave his own house to Jonathan, and we have no evidence that he owned any other house in Woburn beside the one he occupied. A very large portion of the territory which now constitutes that part of North Woburn that lies north of the Baldwin estate, including the ground on which the Congregational Church, the Unitarian Chapel, the Rumford House, and the Rumford School building now stand, was once owned by James Thompson, or his more immediate descendants.

Of James Thompson's descendants, very numerous and now very widely scattered in nearly every State and Territory in the country and in several foreign countries, it is proper to make a brief introductory mention. They are numerous in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire counties, in Massachusetts; more so in Suffolk, and as always, most so of all in old Middlesex. Outside Massachusetts, they are especially to be found in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Yet all have ever looked to the north village of Woburn as "the *home* of the Thompsons"; and a large number of them have from time to time come from their widely separated homes as pilgrims to the old ancestral spot.

Of the possessions of James Thompson in his later years, no very definite account can here be given. In the Third Report of Commissioners of the City of Boston and Charlestown Land Records, are found nine Articles which describe his possessions in "Charlston Limites" in 1638. These are as follows:

"1. Two Acres of land by estimation more or lesse, scituate and lying in the high feilde, butting to the South upon the highway; to the North upon the meaddow toward Mistic river; bounded on the East by George Whitehand and Henry Bullocke, and on the West by Nicholas Davis, with a dwelling house and other aptinances thereunto.

"2. One acre of earable by estimation, scituate and lying in the high feilde, butting to the South upon the highway; to the North upon the marsh toward mistic river, bounded on the East by Ralph Sprague, and on the West by John Mousall.

"3. Two acres of meaddow by estimation, more or lesse, lying in the high feilde marsh, butting to the South upon Nicolas Davis and Thomas Richardson; to the North upon the great Cove, bounded on the East by Ralph Mousall, and on the West by Ezecheall Richardson.

"4. Two Acres of earable land by estimation, more or lesse, scituate and lying in the line feilde, butting to the South west upon Cambridge line; to the North east upon Charlton Comon;* and on the North west by John ffairfielde.

*The horizontal line over the letter m signifies in the old record that it should be doubled, or that the word is abbreviated.

"5. Milch Cow Comons three and a quarter.

"6. Two Acres of meaddow by estimation, more or lesse, scituate and lying in Misticke feilde, butting to the South west upon Mistick river; to the North east upon Will Lernett, bounded on the North west by James Pemberton and the comon, and on the South east by A creecke.

"7. ffive acres of woodland, scituate and lying in mistick feilde No. 41, 80 pole in length and tenn in breadth, butting to the West upon the drift way towards the north river; to the East upon the land way, bounded on the South by ——, and on the North by ——.

"8. ffive Acres of woodland, scituate and lying in misticke feilde, No. 20, 100 pole in length and —— in breadth, butting to the North east upon long meade; South west upon John Berridge; bounded on the Nor west by Sam Haule, and on the South east by William Powell.

"9. ffortie Acres of land by estimation, more or lesse, scituate and lying in waterfielde, No. 20, 100 pole in length and breadth, butting to the Nor west upon Abr Pratt and Isaac Cole; South east upon John Greene, bounded in the South west by Will Powell, and on the North east by Sam Haule."

The account of James Thompson's possessions in Charlestown, of which a copy is given above, bears the date of 1638, which was probably about two years before his removal to Charlestown Village, afterwards Woburn. Wyman, in his work on the "Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown," gives essentially the same account in a more condensed form, and with slight variations, one of them referring to "planting ground and house-lot next J. Brimsmead," as early as 1635–36. In the first division of lands on "Mistick Syde" in Charlestown, ten acres were assigned to each house-lot. Subsequently, in order to accommodate "after comers" the lots were subdivided, each containing five acres. These were numbered,—that of James Thompson, or Tomson, as it is written, being No. 41. What disposal the owner made of this property and other property subsequently obtained, at the time of his removal or at any later time, the writer is not informed. But

that he had disposed of it before the date of his will, "the last day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, six hundred and eighty and one," seems highly probable, inasmuch as there is, in that instrument, no specific mention of nor allusion to it. At least, there is no reference to property as associated with Charlestown by *name.* The will is brief, and is as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen. I, James Thompson, sen. of Woburn, in the Coun. of Middlesex, in the colony of Massachusetts, being of sound mind and p^r^fect memory, and apprehensive of the near approach of my dissolution, being greatly stricken in years, willing to sett my house in order before my departure hence, hereby absolutely renouncing and reversing all former wills had or made by me whatsoev^r^, doe make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following:—

"ffirst, I give my Soul to God who created and gave it, and to Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and Holy Ghost and Sanctifyer, three glorious subsistences in one glorious and eternally undivided essence; and my body to the Earth (there to be decently buryed) in hope of a glorious resurrection in order to the Reunion of soul and body through the merritts of Christ, my blessed Savior and Redeemer.

"Secondly. After all my due debts payd and funerall charges defrayed, I do give unto my loving son, Jonathan Thompson, the only child now of my own body, all my house and outhousing, and all my lands whatsoev^r^, whether belonging to the home-stall or out lands with all my cattle and moveable Estate personal and real in p^r^sent possession or reversion, (excepting as followeth):—

"3. I give to Sarah Redknap and Hannah Horn, my grandchildren forty shill. a peice in silver, (viz.) I give to Hannah Horn forty shill. of that money of mine now in her own hands. The other twenty shill. in silver in her hands, my will is that she pay it to her sister, Sarah Redknap, and my will is yt. John Sheldin, sen., shall pay her the other twenty shill. in silver out of that money he hath of mine in his hands.

"4. I give to John Cuttler and Susannah Logee, my Grandchildren, and to my son Jonathan's six children three pounds

a piece in currant pay of the country. And my will is yt. James Thompson, my grandchild, and Jno. Sheldin afores[d] shall pay to Jno. Cuttler and Susannah Logee their three pounds a peice as aforesd, and then the Remainder of what estate of mine is or shall be then in their hands, my will is yt. it shall be payd to my son Jonathan for the discharge of his children's portions so far as it will reach and to make good to them the remainder of their portions as above, out of my estate, from time to time as they shall come of age.

"Lastly,— I do nominate and appoynt my son Jonathan to be the sole Executor of this my whole will, and desire and ordeyne my Trustee and well beloved ffreinds, Samuel Bloggett sen[r] and John Mousall to be ov[r]seers of this my last will and Testament, and as a pledge of my love, I give to said Bloggett Mr. Rogers his book, and Mousall a payr of new Gloves.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto sett (this last day of ffebruary in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred and eighty and one) my hand and seal."

For some reason, not now definitely known, but probably his great age and infirmity, the signature of James Thompson to this will embraces, as was not uncommon in his day, the old *crux commissa*, like our letter T. After "setting (his) hand and seal" to the will, John Mousall and Samuel Bloggett signed their names as witnesses.

GENEALOGY.

JAMES[1] THOMPSON, born in England, 1593, died in Woburn, Mass., 1682. Married (1) Elizabeth ——, who died Nov. 13, 1643. Married (2) Susannah Blodgett, widow, Feb. 15, 1644–45, who died Feb. 10, 1660–61.

CHILDREN.

2. i. James,[2] d. January 24, 1646–47.
3. ii. Simon,[2] m. Mary Converse, a daughter of Edward Converse, of Woburn, Dec. 19, 1643. He d. May, 1658.
4. iii. Olive,[2] m. John Cutler, Sept. 3, 1650. She d. before her father.
5. iv. Jonathan,[2] m. Susannah Blodgett, Nov. 28, 1655, and d. Oct. 20, 1691.

SECOND GENERATION.

3. SIMON[2] THOMPSON, the second son of James,[1] was born in England, but there are no known means of determining the date. He came to Charlestown and, subsequently, to Woburn, with his father, and was married December 19, 1643, between one and two years after the incorporation of the new town, to Mary Converse. She was the daughter of Edward Converse, one of the foremost men in the town, and the builder and occupant of the first house erected in what was then an almost unbroken wilderness. The house, situated in that part of Woburn which, in 1850, became Winchester, stood through several generations, and is well remembered by many persons still living, as occupying nearly the exact spot where the more recent house of the late Deacon Benjamin F. Thompson now stands.

Simon Thompson became a freeman of Woburn in 1648. After a residence of several years in the town of his adoption, he became a purchaser with others from Woburn and Concord, of the territory which, in 1653, became the new town of Chelmsford. Here he was one of seven men who, at a meeting held in the house of one of their number to arrange for "some form of government for the local welfare," were "chosen to order the affairs of the place for the ensuing year." The tradition, and probably the record, is that he became the first town clerk. He and his associates

also made prompt arrangements for the establishment of religious worship, and the settlement of a minister among them. Accordingly, a church was organized during the following year, 1655, and Rev. John Fisk, who had been the minister of a church gathered in Wenham, near Salem, eleven years before, removing with his flock to the new town of Chelmsford, was settled as the first pastor.

But the career of Simon Thompson, both in town and church, was short. Three years after the completion of the necessary organizations for "carrying on" the new town, he closed his work, dying in May, 1658. A few weeks before his death, he made his will, and gave one third of his property to his wife, Mary; a double portion to his son James, the only son then living, and of the remainder of his estate, equal portions to his four daughters. His children being all minors, he requested that his father and the father of his wife should act as trust executors, his wife to be the settling executrix. His widow married Feb. 1, 1659, John Sheldon, of Billerica. A son of this second marriage, John Sheldon, Jr., was, at the time of his death, in 1724, a deacon in the church of Billerica.

Children of Simon[2] and Mary (Converse) Thompson:

6. i. John,[3] b. April 4, 1645; d. April 12, 1645.
7. ii. Sarah,[3] b. Feb. 20, 1646–47; m. Benjamin Redknapp, March 19, 1674.
8. iii. James,[3] b. March 20, 1649; m. Hannah Walker, June 27, 1675.
9. iv. Mary,[3] b. Jan. 25, 1651–52; d. Feb. 2, 1651–52.
10. v. Ann,[3] b. July 30, 1655.
11. vi. Rebecca, b. May, 1658.

5. Jonathan[2] Thompson (*James*[1]) b. in England, m. Nov. 28, 1655, Susannah Blodgett of Cambridge, a daughter of his father's second wife, and bearing her name. There is good reason for believing that he lived in the house, already mentioned as his father's probable residence, near the junction of Elm and Traverse Streets, traces of

which some of the oldest citizens of North Woburn still remember. As the family of his deceased brother, Simon, had left the town, and his wife was the daughter of his step-mother, it seems to be without a question that the aged father had his home with this son by a double tie, and that that home was in his own house, which he subsequently bequeathed to the son.

Not much is known of the personal history of Jonathan. From the town records we learn that he was one of the first three teachers of schools and the first male teacher ever employed under the authority of the town. This was in 1673–75. In the year last mentioned, he and "good wife Converse," *shared* the responsibility and labor, — he to "tech biger children," and she to "tech leser children," the two to receive £1 between them.

In subsequent years, he served as constable of the town, and still later as town sexton. He died Oct. 20, 1691, and his wife died Feb. 6, 1697–98.

Children of Jonathan[2] and Susannah (Blodgett) Thompson :

12. i. Susannah,[3] b. July 4, 1661; m. Abraham Robards, of Reading.
13. ii. Jonathan,[3] b. Sept. 28, 1663; m. Frances Whitmore.
14. iii. James,[3] b. 1666; died in infancy.
15. iv. James,[3] b. June 27, 1667; m. Sarah Trask.
16. v. Sarah,[3] b. June 1, 1670; m. John Swan, 1692, and d. ——— 1738.
17. vi. Simon,[3] b. June 15, 1673; m. Anna Butterfield.
18. vii. Ebenezer,[3] b. Aug 18, 1676; d. unm., Feb. 19, 1697–98.

THIRD GENERATION.

8. Lieut. James[3] Thompson (*Simon*,[2] *James*[1]), the only son of Simon who lived to reach manhood, was b. March 20, 1649. Before he was twenty years of age he lived with his uncle, Samuel Converse, in the south part of Woburn, now Winchester, and assisted in the care of the mill built by his grandfather, Edward Converse. Early in the year 1669, Samuel Converse was accidentally killed in the mill, the young nephew, James Thompson, and another man being witnesses of the fatal occurrence. The following deposition of these witnesses, lately discovered by Mr. Arthur E. Whitney, of Winchester, and published in the Winchester *Record*, will, it is presumed, have an interest for many readers:

"We, Isack Brooks and James Thompson, being about the 21 of February, 1669, in the corne mill belonging to the Converse's, at Woburne, on a suddain we heard A voice about the Mill saying, Stop the wheel, upon which the said Thompson did run to the mill gate and looking towards the mill wheel, saw, as he thought, A man laid down, and cried out, my unkle is killed; the said Isack in the meantime did run to the water wheel, and found Samuel Converse with his head fastened between the water wheel and water wall. The said Thompson, in the meantime, did shut the gate, and came running to the said Brooks: now the water wheel being turned backwards did raise it upwards, and wee

seing his head cleared, went unto him and did take him up alive: who bled excessively: we did carry him into his house, and soon after we brought him in, his bleeding stopt, and in about half an houre's time, as we conceive, he was quite departed."

The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the deposition of the witnesses.

James Thompson was twice married: 1, To Hannah Walker, Jan. 27, 1673–74, who d. Feb. 4, 1685–86; and 2, to Abigail Gardner, of Charlestown, April 13, 1687, who, after his death m. Dea. Edward Johnson. James Thompson d., according to the record, Sept. 14, but according to the tombstone inscription, Sept. 4, 1693. He d. intestate, but his property was assigned by court, in 1700, to his widow, to his five sons, and to his only daughter then living, another having d. the year previous.

Children of Lieut. James[3] and Hannah Walker:

19. i. Hannah,[4] b. Dec. 31, 1675; d. May 8, 1699.
20. ii. Joshua,[4] b. Sept. 15, 1677; m. Martha Dayle.
21. iii. James,[4] b. May — 1680; m. Abigail Hamlett.
22. iv. Ebenezer,[4] b. July 26, 1683; m. Mary Winn.

Children of Lieut. James[3] and Abigail Gardner:

23. v. Richard,[4] b. March 21, 1688; d. Jan. 7, 1718–19.
24. vi. Abigail,[4] b. Dec. 30, 1689; m. Stephen Longfellow (?).
25. vii. Simon,[4] b. Oct. 19, 1691; m. Anna[4] Thompson.

13. JONATHAN[3] THOMPSON (*Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. Sept. 28, 1663, and is believed to have lived in the house already designated as the probable home of his father and grandfather, near the junction of Elm and Traverse Streets, North Woburn. He was one of the town "Tything men," or, in other words, he was one of a number of men who were appointed by the town to take a general oversight, each of ten families, in order that their conduct and affairs should be so regulated as to bring no reproach upon the character of the community. He was also on a committee, in 1728, to go to the Great

and General Court, and give the reasons why the petition of Goshen, or that part of Woburn which subsequently became Wilmington, should not be granted. He was also, in the same year, one of a committee of nine, "to goe to the Rev. Mr. Fox to see if they can make things easy with him."

Jonathan Thompson, Jr. m. Frances Whitmore, a daughter of Francis Whitmore of Cambridge. No decisive record has been found of his death or that of his wife. His own is supposed to have occurred in 1748.

Their children were twelve in number, as follows:

26. i. Jonathan,[4] b. Feb. 9, 1689–90; m. Phebe Carter, and Abigail Fowle.
27. ii. Hannah,[4] b. Jan. 28, 1691–92; m. Josiah Pierce.
28. iii. Joseph,[4] b. Oct. 20, 1694; m. Sarah Bradshaw.
29. iv. James,[4] b. Nov. 14, 1696; m. Mary Hancock.
30. v. Susannah,[4] b. July 6, 1699; m. Benj. Mead, March 21, 1722, and d. Oct. 18, 1760.
31. vi. Ebenezer,[4] b. March 30, 1701; m. Hannah Converse.
32. vii. Mary,[4] b. Aug. 18, 1703; m. Nathaniel Cowdry.
33. viii. Samuel,[4] b. Sept. 8, 1705; m. Ruth Wright.
34. ix. Patience,[4] b. Oct. 25, 1713; m. Timothy Lamson, 1736. } Brothers from Concord.
35. x. Esther,[4] b. ——; m. Amos Lamson, 1740. }
36. xi. Jabez,[4] b. ——; m. Lydia Snow.
37. xii. Daniel,[4] b. ——; d. in infancy.

15. James[3] Thompson (*Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. June 27, 1667, and m. Sarah Trask, Oct. 22, 1695. He lived in Woburn Precinct, afterward Burlington, where he was prominent in both the parish and the church organized there in 1735, his name being among the original signers of the Covenant. He d. Nov. 29, 1744.

Children of James[3] and Sarah (Trask) Thompson:

38. i. Sarah,[4] b. July 18, 1696. Died young.
39. ii. James,[4] b. Feb. 23, 1700; m. Abigail Baldwin.
40. iii. Anna,[4] b. Feb. 20, 1702; m. Simon[4] Thompson, Jan. 5, 1721.
41. iv. Mary,[4] b. —— 1704 (?).
42. v. Sarah,[4] b. Dec. 4, 1706; m. Joseph Johnson, July 5, 1739; d. Sept. 11, 1778.

17. Simon[3] Thompson (*Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. June 15, 1673, m. Anna (or Hannah) Butterfield, Dec. 12, 1700, and d. Dec. 12, 1736. But little can now be ascertained respecting him, beyond the fact that in 1730 he lived in Woburn Precinct. The following item from the town records seems to refer to him as sexton:

"March 8, 1699, 1700. The Selectmen agreed with Simon Thompson to ring the bell, sweep the Meeting hous, see to shut the Casements and doors, as need requires."

Children of Simon[3] and Anna (Butterfield) Thompson:

43. i. Hannah,[4] b. April 8, 1703; m. Ebenezer Kendall, and had five children.
44. ii. Simon,[4] b. April 4, 1706; m. Martha Wright, Oct. 26, 1732.
45. iii. Lydia,[4] b. March 7, 1712; m. Eleazer Carter.
46. iv. Elizabeth,[4] b. Nov. 25, 1715; m. Timothy Rosse, Dec. 26, 1734.

FOURTH GENERATION.

20. JOSHUA[4] THOMPSON (*James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was born Sept. 15, 1677, m. Martha Dayle, May 6, 1702, and settled in that part of Woburn which, in 1730, became the new town of Wilmington. In 1742, he was admitted a member of the church in that place. He was a man of some note, as were others of the name, in the affairs of the town. At the regular annual town meeting, held March 2, 1731, he was elected "clerk of the market," an officer whose business seems to have been to aid in regulating the prices of labor and of goods according to certain laws intended to bear upon such matters. He d. July 10, 1760, and his wife June 3, 1749.

Children of Joshua[4] and Martha (Dayle) Thompson:

47. i. Joshua,[5] b. Jan. 14, 1703; m. Rachel Varnum.
48. ii. Hannah,[5] b. Jan. 21, 1704; m. Thomas Pierce, July 27, 1732.
49. iii. Martha,[5] b. Dec. 7, 1706; m. Jonathan Wyman.
50. iv. Robert,[5] b. ———; m., settled in Windham, N. H.
51. v. James,[5] b. July 5, 1712; d. at sea.
52. vi. Ebenezer,[5] b. April 7, 1714; m. Martha Richardson.
53. vii. Esther,[5] b. March 16, 1716; m. Josiah Green, of Malden, May 16, 1734.
54. viii. Abigail,[5] b. Feb. 2, 1717; m. John Sawyer of Haverhill.
55. ix. Phebe,[5] b. Jan. 30, 1719; died in infancy.
56. x. Jacob,[5] b. Feb. 4, 1720.
57. xi. Keziah,[5] b. Feb. 18, 1723; m. Samuel Jaques, May 28, 1751; d. Feb. 5, 1810.

21. DEA. JAMES[4] THOMPSON (*James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. May, 1680, m. Abigail Hamlet, 1716, and, like his

brother, Joshua, settled in that part of Woburn which became Wilmington. Previous to the organization of the church in that town, Oct. 24, 1733, he was a deacon in the old First Church in Woburn, having been elected in 1725; and, though his home was seven miles distant, near the Billerica and Tewksbury lines, he was one of the most constant and punctual of all the worshippers there, often walking the whole distance in winter on snowshoes. As one of the leaders in the long and praiseworthy struggle of the inhabitants of Goshen, or the northern extremity of Woburn, to secure a separation from the mother town, as a necessity to their prosperity as a Christian people, he shared largely in the general joy over their final success. In less than a month after the organization of the church, Oct. 24, 1733, he was chosen the first, and for more than a year remained the only, deacon. At the annual town meeting, in 1731, he was chosen town clerk, and for many years he was a very highly respected, and in many ways a very useful, citizen. He d. July 3, 1763; his wife d. Oct. 23, 1755.

Children of Dea. James[4] and Abigail (Hamlet) Thompson.

58. i. James[5] b. Dec. 30, 1716; m. Abigail Simonds.
59. ii. Richard[5] b. Aug. 6, 1718; d. ———.
60. iii. Abigail,[5] b. March 27, 1720; m. Benjamin Burtt, June 9, 1747.
61. iv. William,[5] b. Oct. 19, 1723; m. 1, Abigail Jones, 2, Mary Baldwin.
62. v. Benjamin,[5] b. March 6, 1727; m. Mary Killam.
63. vi. Elizabeth,[5] b. March 27, 1728; d. April 16, 1728.
64. vii. Mary,[5] b. Sept. 18, 1729; m. Ebenezer Pearson.
65. viii. Ezra,[5] b, Sept. 23, 1734. Graduated, Harvard College, 1756; teacher in Arundel, Me., an old and now obsolete name of Kennebunkport, and d. unm. in 1798.

Dea. James Thompson, in his will, dated Nov. 10, 1759, after giving to his other children their several shares of his lands, his saw-mill, his books, fire-arms, military accoutrements, and various other articles,

adds this item: "I give to my son, Ezra Thompson, his learning and books for his portion out of my estate."

22. EBENEZER[4] THOMPSON (*James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. July 26, 1683; m. Mary Winn. He was a tailor by trade, and lived both in Charlestown and Medford. He d. in Charlestown, April 19, 1741. His wife d., March 11, 1755, aged 72 years.

Children of Ebenezer[4] and Mary (Winn) Thompson.

66. i. Ruth,[5] b. July 23, 1723; m. Thomas Plympton, of Sudbury, 1744.
67. ii. Josiah,[5] b. Dec. 2, 1724; m. Rebecca Pratt.
68. iii. Hannah,[5] b. ——— 1717; d., unm. June 16, 1754, and was buried in Woburn, as her father also was.

25. SIMON[4] THOMPSON (*Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. Oct. 19, 1691, and m. Anna[4] Thompson, daughter of James[3] and Sarah (Trask) Thompson, Jan. 5, 1721. He lived for a considerable number of years in Woburn Precinct, where he married, and was a prominent man in that part of his native town. He was especially active and influential in the measures which resulted in the organization of the church there in 1735. His name appears among the signers of what were called "The Articles of Agreement," and stands first among the signers of the Covenant, he and his wife, by letters from the old First Church, organized ninety-seven years earlier, being enrolled among the first members of this Second Church. During about one year, before the erection of the church edifice, 150 years ago, and still, in 1885, occupied by the successors of the original church, the little band of worshippers regularly held their services at his house.

In what year Simon Thompson left Woburn Precinct, now Burlington, with his large family of five sons and five daughters, settled in Dunstable, or that part of Dunstable now known as Tyngsborough, it is perhaps not now easy to decide. His name occurs in the history

of that town as early as 1756. It then appears on a committee consisting of Eleazer Tyng and Oliver Farwell beside himself, and in 1760, he and four of his sons were important members of the First Parish. Year after year he seems to have served in various town offices, as assessor, selectman, etc, and there is reason to believe that he was equally active and useful in the parish and the church. What has been gathered concerning him, from very imperfect records and traditions, awakens great regret that no more details of a life so evidently beyond the average in usefulness, can now be obtained. He d. May 9, 1778, aged 87. His wife d. Nov. 1, 1777, in her 75th year.

Children of Simon[4] and Anna[4] (Thompson) Thompson :

69. i. Josiah,[5] b. March 8, 1722; m. (?)
70. ii. Anna,[5] b. Dec. 21, 1723.
71. iii. Nathan,[5] b. Aug. 6, 1726; m. (?); d. Oct. 15, 1815.
72. iv. Judith,[5] b. Dec. 14, 1728; "A noted beauty;" d. Feb. 10, 1752.
73. v. Ezra,[5] b. Jan. 6, 1730; m. Mary Wyman of Woburn, July 31, 1759, and d. Nov. 14, 1809.
74. vi. Asa,[5] b. Feb. 16, 1732; m. Mary Swallow, and d. June 17, 1815.
75. vii. Silas,[5] b. March 16, 1735; m. (?)
76. viii. Susannah,[5] b. June 12, 1737.
77. ix. Sarah,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1738.
78. x. Abigail,[5] b. Dec. 11, 1743.

26. Jonathan[4] Thompson (*Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *James*[1]) was b. Feb. 9, 1689–90, and lived, after arriving at mature age, in Medford, where he followed the business of shipbuilding, and where he died June 9, 1752. The various records found in Woburn and in Medford, and the genealogical notice in Brooks' history of the latter place of the family of this man are so widely and so hopelessly variant that it is impossible even to guess at the actual facts. The number and dates of his marriages, the dates of the birth of some of his children, and the assignment by Brooks of his first two children to one wife instead of another as recorded, are matters which the most persistent inquiry has failed to decide

satisfactorily. Independently, therefore, of "authority," and omitting certain dates which are obviously wrong, the present writer ventures to give the following names and dates, as, on the whole, apparently the most reliable and consistent. Brooks, in his history, wholly ignoring Phebe Carter as a first wife, and assuming Abigail Fowle to be the first, mentions Lydia Nutting as the second wife, but gives the date of her marriage and the birth of her only child as occurring long before the death of the supposed first wife (the *second* of the records), and before the birth of most if not all of her children. It seems to be nearly certain that he m. 1, Phebe Carter, and 2, Abigail Fowle, who survived him between six and seven years and d. Feb. 20, 1759.

Children of Jonathan[4] and Phebe (Carter) Thompson :

79. i. Phebe,[5] b. Jan. 5, 1713 ; m. Benjamin Pierce, Oct. 26, 1732.
80. ii. Ruth,[5] b. Oct. 30, 1715 ; m.———Bryant.

Children of Jonathan[4] and Abigail (Fowle) Thompson :

81. iii. Jonathan,[5] b. April 10, 1720 ; d. in childhood.
82. iv. Jonathan,[5] b. March 2, 1725.
83. v. Abigail,[5] b. July 16, 1726.
84. vi. Catharine,[5] b. April 29, 1729; m. Gardner Greenleaf, Jan. 21, 1748 ; d. 1768.
85. vii. James,[5] b. Oct. 28, 1733.

28. Joseph[4] Thompson (*Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Oct. 20, 1694, m. Sarah Bradshaw Dec. 30, 1718, and resided, like his brother Jonathan, in Medford, and like him also was a shipbuilder. He died Aug. 31, 1755, and his widow, May 7, 1773. An unsuccessful search of records suggests that three of his eight children may either have died young or have early left Medford for other homes ; yet no trace of them, even in the record of deaths, has been found.

Children of Joseph[4] and Sarah (Bradshaw) Thompson :

86. i. Sarah,[5] b. Dec. 21, 1719; m. Jonathan Tufts, Nov. 18, 1741.
87. ii. Mary,[5] b. July 8, 1722; m. Samuel Kidder, March 20, 1744, and d. 1766.

88. iii. Frances,[5] b. June 17, 1726; m. Joseph Calef, April 18, 1747, and d. Sept. 8, 1775.
89. iv. Ruth[5], b. May 6, 1729; m. Benjamin Floyd, March 20, 1750.
90. v. Elizabeth,[5] b. Jan. 10, 1732.
91. vi. Joseph,[5] b. May 16, 1734.
92. vii. Susannah,[5] b. March 21, 1736; m. Ebenezer Brooks, Dec. 28, 1758.
93. viii. William,[5] b. July 7, 1739.

29. James[4] Thompson (*Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in Woburn, Nov. 14, 1696; m. Mary Hancock. She was the daughter of Samuel Hancock of Lexington, a brother of Rev. John Hancock of Braintree, and a cousin of John Hancock, the patriot and governor. As one of the original proprietors and an early settler of the town of Brimfield in Hampden County, Mass., James Thompson took a very warm and deep interest in the affairs of that town. In everything that could promote the welfare of the church or community, he was trusted to act his part. In a list of names of Brimfield men of twenty-one years and upward, his name and those of four of his five sons were signed to a solemn "Covenant," adopted July 1, 1774, to join in "the defence of the colonies against the aggressions of the mother country." Two of his sons had already served in the French and Indian war, and, in the army of the Revolutionary war, four of his sons, and at least eight, probably several others, of his grandsons were soldiers, several of them being officers, one of whom is said to have been the last man killed in the war. His descendants were numerous and early scattered in many towns in Hampden, Hampshire, and Berkshire counties, and, thence, at a later day, throughout the country. He died in Brimfield, May 25, 1776, in his eightieth year. His wife died in 1782.

Children of James[4] and Mary (Hancock) Thompson:

94. i. James,[5] b. May 7, 1724; m. Mary Hitchcock, April 28, 1749.
95. ii. Daniel,[5] b. Oct. 3, 1725; m. Hannah ———.
96. iii. Jonathan,[5] b. May 23, 1727; m. Elizabeth Warriner, Oct. 16, 1750.

97. iv. Mary,[5] b. June 10, 1730. Died Sept. 17, 1730.
98. v. John,[5] b. Aug. 5, 1731; m. Rebecca Russell, Jan. 25, 1759, who d. 1761.
99. vi. Joseph,[5] b. March 25, 1733; m. Abigail Sherman, Feb. 19, 1754.
100. vii. Susannah,[5] b. Jan. 25, 1735; m. Jotham Hancock, May 7, 1755.
101. viii. Mary,[5] b. ———; m. Jonathan Babcock, Nov. 17, 1757.
102. ix. Elizabeth,[5] b. Dec. 4, 1742; d. Sept. 20, 1743.

31. Ebenezer[4] Thompson (*Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in Woburn, March 30, 1701; m. Hannah Converse, Sept. 27, 1728, and resided in Woburn. He was a man of considerable fame in his day, as a teacher and a citizen, but he was especially conspicuous as a soldier in the royal army. By a commission, said to be still in the possession of some of his descendants, he was appointed captain of the Second Foot Company of the Second Regiment, of which the distinguished Eleazer Tyng, the ancestor of a distinguished posterity, was colonel. The commission was issued by Lieut.-Gov. Phipps, commander-in-chief, July 3, 1753, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Charles II.

This Capt. Ebenezer Thompson was the man who built and first occupied the house still standing on Elm Street, North Woburn, in which his famous grandson, Benjamin, better known as Count Rumford, was born March 26, 1753. Authorities slightly differ as to the exact year of the erection of the house. The most reliable, on the whole, fixes it at 1714, making its present age (1886) about 172 years.

Capt. Ebenezer Thompson died in 1755.

Children of Capt. Ebenezer[4] and Hannah (Converse) Thompson:

103. i. Benjamin,[5] b. Nov. 27, 1729; m. Ruth Simonds, 1752.
104. iii. Ebenezer,[5] b. Sept. 15, 1731; grad. Harvard College, 1752, and became the pastor of the church in York, Me., where he d. unm. in 1755.
105. iv. Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 21, 1734; m. Benjamin Flagg, March 8, 1753.
106. v. Hiram,[5] b. May 17, 1743; m. Bridget Snow, Feb. 3, 1767.

33. SAMUEL[4] THOMPSON (*Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in Woburn, Sept. 8, 1705, and m. Ruth Wright, a daughter of Josiah, and a great-granddaughter of "Capt." John Carter, one of the first settlers of Woburn, Dec. 31, 1730. He built, probably about 1730, the house on Elm Street, North Woburn, which has been the home of six generations of Thompsons, and is still occupied, though of late by families bearing other names. Two of his brothers being shipbuilders in Medford, his business, in part, was to supply them with timber. In the spring of 1748, while in the act of unloading timber, he received a severe injury which was followed by a fever, resulting in his death, May 13, 1748, in the 43d year of his age. His wife d. Oct. 3, 1775.

Children of Samuel[4] and Ruth (Wright) Thompson:

107. i. Samuel,[5] b. Oct. 30, 1731; m. 1, Abigail Tidd, 2, Lydia Jones, 3, Esther Wyman.

108. ii. Daniel,[5] b. March 9, 1734; m. Phebe Snow, Oct. 29, 1760.

109. iii. Ruth,[5] b. March 9, 1737; m. Noah Wyman, June 18, 1755, and d. March 16, 1826.

110. iv. Abijah,[5] b. April 11, 1739; m. 1, Esther Snow, 2, Abigail Wyman, 3, Sarah Burtt.

111. v. Mary,[5] b. May 24, 1741; m. ———.

112. vi. Phebe,[5] b. Feb. 5, 1743; m. Moses Tufts of Medford, May 7, 1767.

113. vii. Lois,[5] b. Aug. 12, 1746; m. ———.

114. viii. Jonathan,[5] b. Sept. 10, 1748; d. ———, 1752.

Of the two daughters of Samuel and Ruth, bearing the names of Mary and Lois, one seems to have married Capt. David Wheeler of Concord, and the other a Hartwell of Worcester, or a part of that place called in the record, "Country Gore."

Ruth,[5] the third child, and oldest daughter of Samuel[4] and Ruth (Wright) Thompson, who m. Noah Wyman, June 18, 1755, had ten children as follows:

1. Ruth,[6] b. Jan. 15, 1756; m. Samuel Jaques, and d. March 24, 1808. 2. Noah,[6] b. Sept. 13, 1757, and d. Feb. 4, 1758. 3. Lois,[6] b. April 13, 1760, and d. Sept. —, 1775. 4. Caroline,[6] b. Aug. 11,

1762; m. Joseph Fowle, and d. in 1838. 5. Abigail,[6] b. March 4 1765, and d. April 3, 1765. 6. Noah,[6] b. April 9, 1767, and d. July 12, 1806. 7. Samuel Thompson,[6] b. Sept. 14, 1769, and d. Jan. 11, 1816. 8. Abiel,[6] b. April 22, 1772, and d. Feb. 2, 1775 9. Abiel,[6] } twins, b. Nov. 7, 1775, { d. Oct. 17, 1777.
10. Lois,[6] } { d. Feb. 29, 1776.

36. Jabez[4] Thompson (*Jonathan*[3], *Jonathan*[2], *James*[1]) m. Lydia Snow of Woburn, Nov. 13, 1735. He lived in the house, near the junction of Elm and Traverse Streets, North Woburn, which had been the home of his father, grandfather, and probably great-grandfather, the emigrant James. The house, though traces of it are remembered, long since disappeared. According to an old tradition in the Thompson family, Jabez Thompson was a man of great respectability, but no record has been found that connects him with any public office or business. He died in Woburn, June 10, 1759.

Children of Jabez[4] and Lydia (Snow) Thompson.

115. i. Lydia,[5] b. July 18, 1736; d. Oct. 30, 1749.
116. ii. Mary,[5] or "Molly," b. July 19, 1738; m. Abel Richardson, November 26, 1761; d. ——— 1832.
117. iii. Jabez,[5] b. Oct. 4. 1740; d. May 30, 1742.
118. iv. Esther, [5] b. Nov. 20, 1743; d. Nov. 1, 1749.
119. v. Jabez,[5] b. May 24, 1746; m. Keziah Wyman, May 11, 1773.
120. vi. Keziah,[5] b. Feb. 15, 1748; d. unm. in her 97th year, March 10, 1845.
121. vii. Timothy,[5] b. Jan. 14, 1750; m. Mary Frothingham, Jan. 3, 1775.

The Woburn *Record* gives the date of Timothy's birth as here given, but his family record is said to give the date as Jan. 26, 1751. The former is doubtless correct.

122. viii. Zacharias,[5] b.———; d. in infancy.

39. James[4] Thompson (*James*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Feb. 23, 1700; m. Abigail Baldwin, of Tewksbury, Jan. 9, 1729, and resided in Woburn Precinct, now Burlington. In 1735, he was one of the first signers to the Covenant of the church, organized as the Second Church of Woburn in that year, and he and his wife appear to have been among the earlier members

In his will, containing apparently an error in date, he gave his property to his only surviving son, James, who was executor; to five daughters, only three of whom appear in the record of births, and to a grandson whose father, Seth, had died before him. His own death occurred Jan. 6, 1784, and that of his wife, Dec. 23, 1777.

Children of James[4] and Abigail (Baldwin) Thompson :

123. i. William,[5] b. Oct. 28, 1730. Died young.
124. ii. Abigail,[5] b. Aug. 2, 1732; m. John Alexander, March 8, 1757.
125. iii. Esther,[5] b. Aug. 21, 1734.
126. iv. Seth,[5] b. Dec. 22, 1737; m. Martha (Molly ?) Dean, Dec. 11, 1760.
127. v. Jerusha,[5] b. March 20, 1739; m. Abraham Alexander, July 4, 1759.
128. vi. James,[5] b. ———, 1743; m. Esther Reed, Sept. 29, 1770.
129. vii. Sarah,[5] b. ——— } both named in the father's will.
130. viii. Judith,[5] b. ——— }

44. Simon[4] Thompson (*Simon,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. April 4, 1706, in Woburn, and m. Martha Wright, Oct. 26, 1732. They lived for a number of years in Woburn Precinct, where their four children were born. It is remarkable that no certain trace of the family has been found after they left Woburn. The wife and mother seems to have ultimately returned to Woburn a widow, and to have died July 4, 1783.

Children of Simon[4] and Martha (Wright) Thompson :

131. i. Elizabeth,[5] b. Dec. 16, 1733.
132. ii. Benjamin,[5] b. Sept. 20, 1735.
133. iii. William,[5] b. May 13, 1737 (?).
134. iv. Isaac,[5] b. July 16, 1739.

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47. JOSHUA[5] THOMPSON (*Joshua,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in that part of Woburn which is now Wilmington, Jan. 14, 1703; m. Rachael Varnum, and resided in his native town.

Children of Joshua[5] and Rachael (Varnum) Thompson:

135. i. Rachael,[6] b. June 18, 1725; m. Reuben Butters, Jan. 17, 1753.
136. ii. Jacob,[6] b. April 20, 1727.
137. iii. Joshua,[6] b. Nov. 4, 1731; died young.
138. iv. Hepzibah,[6] b. April 6, 1733.
139. v. Susannah,[6] b. July 30, 1735; m. Joseph Burtt, Oct. 31, 1753.
140. vi. Hannah,[6] b. Feb. 23, 1738; m. John Jaquith, Sept. 8, 1757.
141. vii. Benjamin,[6] b. May 26, 1740; m. Lydia Gould.
142. viii. James,[6] b. Jan. 13, 1743; m. ———
143. ix. Jonathan,[6] b. Nov., 1745; m. Sarah Jaquith and two others.
144. x. Joshua,[6] b. Nov. 6, 1748; m.

50. ROBERT[5] THOMPSON (*Joshua,*[4] *James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was born in Wilmington, probably about 1708. He early left the town, and settled in New Hampshire. With great difficulty, and only after persistent search and correspondence, he was finally traced to the town of Windham. In that town he and his more immediate descendants lived, highly respected for many years. According to the historian of Windham, L. A. Morrison, Esq., and the town records, he and three of his sons were selectmen; two of the latter were soldiers in the French and Indian war, and at least three, probably four, were in the war of the Revolution. Robert, the father, d. Oct. 21,

1756, and the sons subsequently left the place for other homes. A long continued and abundant correspondence with the scattered descendants and others has failed to secure anything more than a fragmentary and unsatisfactory record. The following, gathered from various sources, but largely from Morrison's history, seems to be the nearest approach to anything that has the appearance of accuracy.

The children of Robert[5] Thompson, the name of whose wife has not been ascertained, were:

145. i. Robert,[6] b. ———; m. Margaret ———.
146. ii. Andrew,[6] b. ———; m. Margaret ———.
147. iii. Samuel,[6] b. ———; m. Sarah ———.
148. iv. James,[6] b. about 1736; m. Elizabeth ———.
149. v. Jonathan,[6] b. ———; m. Elizabeth Richey.
150. vi. William,[6] b. ———.

52. Ebenezer[5] Thompson (*Joshua,*[4] *James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, April 7, 1714; m. Martha Richardson, Dec. 22, 1736. But little has been ascertained concerning the details of his life. He seems to have lived in Cambridge, and his children were three daughters:

151. i. Martha,[6] b. Oct. 2, 1736.
152. ii. Lois,[6] b. July 28, 1739.
153. iii. Eunice,[6] b. Nov. 30, 1742; m. Richard Hunnewell (?), June 25, 1764.

Of Jonathan[5] and James[5] (*sons of Jonathan,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) no record, except that of their birth in Medford, has been found.

58. James[5] Thompson (*Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Dec. 30, 1716; m. Abigail Simonds of Burlington, April 23, 1747, and, after residing during the earlier years of his married life in his native town, where his seven children were also born, he removed to the town of New Salem, Franklin County, Mass. The destruction by fire, in 1856, of all the records of that

town, and the final removal from the town of every family bearing the name of Thompson, have made it very difficult to obtain even an imperfect family history.

Children of James[5] and Abigail (Simonds) Thompson :

154. i. Abigail,[6] b. March 9, 1747; m. John Flagg of Woburn, and d. Feb. 1, 1847.
155. ii. Sarah,[6] b. Nov. 19, 1749.
156. iii. James,[6] b. June 5, 1753; m. Mary (or "Polly") Sellon, Aug. 20, 1777.
157. iv. Isaac,[6] b. Sept. 16, 1755; m. (?).
158. v. Ruth,[6] b. Sept. 7, 1756; killed by accident, Oct. —, 1767.
159. vi. Caleb,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1756; m. Mehitable ———, and d. Nov. 16, 1830.
160. vii. Lydia,[6] b. June 29, 1761.

61. William[5] Thompson (*Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Oct. 19, 1723; m. 1, Abigail Jones, 2, Mary Baldwin, the former, Nov. 24, 1747, the latter, Jan. 12, 1762. Like his brother James, he lived for several years after his marriage in Wilmington, but ultimately removed to Chester, Vt., where he is supposed to have died in May, 1808. The five children of the first wife, who d. Sept. 15, 1757, were apparently born in Wilmington, and in 1756 William Thompson, the father, became a member of the church in that place, as his brother James did eight years earlier.

Children of William[5] and Abigail (Jones) Thompson :

161. i. Richard,[6] b. March 7, 1749, m. 1, Rebecca Eaton, 1772, 2, Mary Barnes. Went to Vermont.
162. ii. Timothy,[6] b. Oct. 29, 1752; d. in the Revolutionary army.
163. iii. William,[6] b. June 30, 1754; m. Betsey Eaton. Went to Vermont.
164. iv. Ebenezer,[6] b. May 21, 1757; m. Judith Coggin, April 18, 1782.
165. v. Elizabeth,[6] b. Aug. 31, 1759; m. ——— Underwood, Hudson, N. Y.

Children of William[5] and Mary (Baldwin) Thompson :

166. vi. Leonard,[6] b. April 12, 1763.
167. vii. Samuel,[6] b. March 15, 1770; m. Betsey Congdon, Oct. 23, 1808.
168. viii. Mary,[6] b. April 28, 1774.
169. ix. Timothy,[6] b. July 15, 1777; m. Susannah Putnam, Dec. 1, 1803.

62. Benjamin[5] Thompson (*Dea. James,*[4] *James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, March 6, 1727; m. Mary Killam, and resided in his native town. In 1772, he and his wife were admitted members of the church. He d. Sept 14, 1807; his wife, June 23, 1816.

Children of Benjamin[5] and Mary (Killam) Thompson:

170. i. Benjamin,[6] b. Nov. 3, 1758; m. Susannah Jaquith, 1784.
171. ii. Mary,[6] b. Dec. 10, 1760; m. Benjamin Gould, 1782.
172. iii. Elizabeth,[6] b. March 14, 1763; m. Nathan Buck; d. 1837.
173. iv. Samuel,[6] b. March 24, 1767; m. 1, Olive Buck, 2, Eliz. Jones.
174. v. Abigail,[6] b. Jan. 4, 1773; m. Joseph Burnap, Jan. 20, 1803.

67. Josiah[5] Thompson (*Ebenezer,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. Dec. 2, 1724, and m. Rebecca Pratt. Like his father, he lived first in Charlestown, and then in Medford, Mass., where he d. May 29, 1792. His wife d. 1819.

Children:

175. i. Ebenezer,[6] b. Sept. 24, 1753; m. 1, E. Parker, 2, C. Greenleaf, 3, H. Tufts.
176. ii. Rebecca,[6] b. July 21, 1756, in Medford; d. unm., Oct. 30, 1843.
177. iii. Hannah,[6] b. Oct. 10, 1758, in Medford; d. Nov. 30, 1758.
178. iv. Mary,[6] b. March 29, 1761; m. Nathan Tufts, Jan. 22, 1789, and d. 1843.
179. v. A daughter,[6] b. March 14, 1753; d. in infancy.
180. vi. Samuel,[6] b. Feb. 15, 1766; m. Lydia Waters, and d. May 8, 1843.

73. Ezra[5] Thompson (*Simon,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Jan. 6, 1730; m. Mary Wyman of Woburn, July 31, 1759, and, with others of his father's family, removed from Woburn Precinct, now Burlington, to that part of old Dunstable which became Tyngsborough. Here, for many years, he was an active man in parish and town affairs, was constable, sealer of weights and measures, and, so far as appears, every way highly respected. He d. Nov. 14, 1809.

Children:

181. i. Ezra,[6] b. ——— 1765 (?); m. Susannah ——— d. June 8, 1810.
182. ii. Abigail,[6] b. ———; m. Jonathan Wood, Dec. 26, 1792.

183. iii. Hannah,[6] b. ——— ; m. John Wood, Sept. 15, 1794.
184. iv. Mary Wyman,[6] b. ———; m. William Blodgett, Mar. 26, 1813.
185. v. Rebecca,[6] b. ———; m. John Wood, Dec. 1, 1817.

74. Asa[5] Thompson (*Simon*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Feb. 16, 1732; m. Mary Swallow, and, like his brother Ezra, left Woburn and settled in Dunstable, where he d. June 17, 1828, aged 83. His wife d. Nov. 17, 1828, aged 82.

Children :

186. i. Mary,[6] b. Oct. 21, 1773, m. William Whiting, April 18, 1793; d. 1839.
187. ii. Ruth,[6] b. March 6, 1775; d. Oct. 10, 1808.
188. iii. Asa,[6] b. Jan. 14, 1779, m. Betsy Durrer of Milford N. H., March 9, 1802. Lived in Chesterfield, N. H.
189. iv. "Capt." Simon,[6] b. March 8, 1782, m. Sarah Danforth, Feb. 28, 1805, who d. Sept. 22, 1834, at the age of 52. No children.
190. v. Anna,[6] b. May 3, 1783; d. Oct. 12, 1784.
191. vi. Sarah Swallow,[6] b. Oct. 27, 1785, m. Jerathmel Lund of Merrimack, N. H., Jan. 29, 1809.

94. James[5] Thompson (*James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. May 7, 1724; m. Mary Hitchcock, April 28, 1749, and resided in Brimfield, Mass. He belonged to a family noted for their patriotism, uprightness, and enterprise, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Children of James[5] and Mary (Hitchcock) Thompson :

192. i. James,[6] b. May 2, 1750; d. Nov. 4, 1754.
193. ii. Bathsheba,[6] b. May 24, 1751; d. Nov. 29, 1754, or Oct. 31, 1754.
194. iii. Alpheus,[6] b. Aug. 13, 1752; d. Nov. 6, 1754.
195. iv. James,[6] b. March 31, 1755; d. in captivity at York, 1776.
196. v. Alpheus,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1758; a soldier in the Revolutionary war.
197. vi. Solomon,[6] b. Nov. 3, 1761; m. Polly Smith, July 13, 1786. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

95. Daniel[5] Thompson (*James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. Oct. 3, 1725; m. Hannah ———, and lived in Brimfield. From town records and other sources are gathered the names of six children.

Children of Daniel[5] and Hannah Thompson :

198. i. Sybil,[6] b. Oct. 14, 1750.
199. ii. Daniel,[6] b. Aug. 30, 1752.
200. iii. Lucy,[6] b. Feb. 8, 1758.
201. iv. Asa,[6] b. ———; m. ———: went to New York, d. and left three children.
202. v. Abiel,[6] b. ———.
203. vi. Jacob,[6] b. ——— 1772; m. Hadassah Stone of Brimfield.

96. Col. Jonathan[5] Thompson (*James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. May 23, 1727; m. Elizabeth Warriner, Oct. 16, 1750, and, after a very long life, d. in Brimfield, where he was born and had always lived, Nov. 3, 1824. He was a man of mark. He was a lieutenant in Gates' Northern Army, and served in some capacity during the entire war of the Revolution. Promoted to the office of colonel, he was in command of a regiment at the siege of Yorktown. As a citizen and a town officer, after the war, he was ever active and influential, retaining, long after reaching the age when most men retire, a wonderful degree of vigor, and still engaging in the active duties of life. In his 98th year, when he died, he had outlived his wife nearly 24 years, she having d. Aug. 28, 1804. It is to be regretted that some of their children cannot be traced.

Children of Jonathan[5] and Elizabeth (Warriner) Thompson : —

204. i. Thaddeus,[6] b. July 2, 1751 : m. Betsey or "Betty" ———.
205. ii. Elizabeth,[6] b. July 13, 1753 ; m. Jonathan Morgan, Jr., Nov. 19, 1772.
206. iii. Jonathan,[6] b. March 4, 1756.
207. iv. Sylvanus,[6] b. July 1, 1758; m. Betsey ———and d. March 6, 1833.
208. v. Samuel,[6] b. May 5, 1760; m. Asenath Hoar, 1782.
209. vi. Mary,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1762; d. young.
210. vii. John,[6] Warriner,[6] b. July 7, 1765; grad. D. C. 1789; and d. ——— 1800.
211. viii. Mary,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1767.
212. ix. Sarah,[6] b. March 8, 1770; m. Calvin Eaton, Sept. 9, 1792.
213. x. William,[6] b. March 15, 1773; d. July 30, 1773.
214. xi. William,[6] b. Jan. ——— 1775.

98. JOHN[5] THOMPSON (*James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Aug. 5, 1731; married Rebecca Russell, Jan. 25, 1759, and resided in Brimfield. He was in the French and Indian war in 1755 and in 1758, and like his brothers was also a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Beside his first marriage to Rebecca Russell, who died Feb. 3, 1761, he m. 2, Eunice Haynes, July 10, 1766, who soon died, and 3, Sarah Hitchcock, May 2, 1771. He had children, but as long ago as 1853, a near relative of the family wrote that none were known to be living, and no record of birth and death has been found.

99. COL. JOSEPH[5] THOMPSON (*James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, March 25, 1733; m. Abigail Sherman, Feb. 19, 1754, and resided for a number of years in his native town. His wife is supposed to have belonged to the celebrated Watertown family, from which have descended many distinguished men in the ministerial, legal, military, and other professions. Just on the eve of the Revolutionary war, Joseph Thompson, who had already been an officer in the French and Indian war, was directed by vote of the town of Brimfield to raise a minute company for expected and immediate service in a war of far greater magnitude and consequence. He entered upon his work with enthusiasm, and was for some time a captain in the regiment commanded by Col. Danielson, but subsequently rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. His son Joseph, Jr., was with him in the army, and is said to have been the last soldier killed in the war. His son Amherst was also in the army.

After the close of the war, Col. Thompson left his native town, and with his family, resided for some time in Berkshire County, in a town then known as Partridgefield, but subsequently, and still known as, at least in part, Peru and Hinsdale. Here, in Peru, he seems to have kept a public house on the old stage-coach road

from Albany to Boston. Later in life he removed to Ohio, where he had a large landed estate. He was a man of commanding aspect and of strong character and influence. He died in Marietta, Ohio.

Children of Col. Joseph[5] and Abigail (Sherman) Thompson:

215. i. Rezinah,[6] b. June 28, 1754; d. Nov. 29, 1754.
216. ii. Rezinah,[6] b. Dec. 23, 1755; m. Lemuel Bates.
217. iii. Bathsheba,[6] b. May 22, 1757; m. 1, Abel Burtt, 2, Ozem Blashfield.
218. iv. Joseph,[6] b. Jan. 25, 1760; d. in the Revolutionary army, Dec. 1776.
219. v. Amherst,[6] b. May 20, 1762; m. Sarah Clark, and d. 1857.
220. vi. Artemas,[6] b. Oct. 27, 1764; m. Hepzibah Leland.
221. vii. Abigail,[6] b. Aug. 22, 1768; m. ——— Ballard.
222. viii. Rhoda,[6] b. Dec. 18, 1773; m. Dr. John Smith.

Of the daughters of Col. Joseph, *Rezinah* m. Lemuel Bates, and had nine children, one of whom had his father's name, and another the name of Joseph Thompson, the name of both the father and a brother of his mother.

Bathsheba m. 1, Abel Burtt, Oct. 7, 1779, and had four children: Pamelia, Matilda, Artemas Davenport, and Abel, Jr.; m. 2, Capt. Ozem Blashfield, April 12, 1791, and had six children: Bathsheba, Harvey, Selina, Adeline, Augusta, and Hiram.

Rhoda m. Dr. John Smith, and had seven daughters and two sons.

103. Benjamin[5] Thompson (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Nov. 27, 1729, m. Ruth Simonds of Burlington, in 1752, and lived and d. in the historic house built by his father, and the birthplace of his illustrious son, the future Count Rumford. He d. young, in Nov. 7, 1755, before completing his twenty-sixth year. His widow subsequently m. Josiah Pierce of Woburn, and had five other children. The family at length left Woburn and settled in Flintstown, afterwards known as Baldwin, Me., where she d. June 18, 1811.

Benjamin[5] and Ruth (Simonds) Thompson had but one child:

223. i. Benjamin,[6] b. March 26, 1753; m. 1, Wid. Sarah Rolfe; 2, Wid. Lavoisier.

106. Hiram[5] Thompson (*Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James,*[1]) was b. in Woburn, May 17, 1743; m. Bridget Snow of Woburn, Feb. 3, 1767, and succeeded his brother Benjamin in the occupancy of the homestead. He took part in the battles of Lexington and Concord, and was active in pursuing and harassing the British troops on their retreat to Boston. On the night of the 10th of June following, he aided with his team in throwing up the redoubts on Bunker Hill in Charlestown, which were of great service in the protection they afforded the Continental troops against the incessant fire of the British on the memorable 17th. He was a farmer by profession, and d. in the same house in which he was born, Jan. 15, 1812.

Children of Hiram[5] and Bridget (Snow) Thompson:

224. i. Ebenezer,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1767; m. 1, Rhoda Wyman, 2, Rhoda Putnam.

225. ii. Sewall,[6] b. June 6, 1769; m. Sally Trask of Gloucester.

226. iii. Bridget,[6] b. April 18, 1771; m. Willard Jones, Aug. 20, 1793, and d. Aug. 28, 1856.

227. iv. Benjamin,[6] b. Nov. 15, 1774; m. Olive Oakman.

228. v. Hannah,[6] b. July 9, 1782; m. Eben Tidd, April 27, 1807.

Bridget (Thompson) Jones lived first in Wilmington, but most of her life in the "Rumford house," Woburn, where she d. Aug. 28, 1856, leaving two sons, Benjamin Franklin and Hiram Thompson, and one daughter, Harriet, who m. 1, Charles Flagg, 2, Samuel Brooks of Reading.

Hannah (Thompson) Tidd, after her marriage removed to Charlestown, N. H., where she died, leaving two daughters, Hannah Thompson and Harriet, and one son, Ebenezer Hiram, b. June 4, 1817, and m. Helen J. Dunsmoor, June 6, 1839.

107. SAMUEL[5] THOMPSON (*Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Oct. 30, 1731, and lived and died in the house on Elm Street, North Woburn, originally built by his father about 1730, but partly rebuilt by himself in 1764. Among the somewhat numerous strong and influential men of the north village in his time, he was for many years prominent. When a young man, he commenced the work of fitting for college, but was obliged to abandon his intention and return home on account of the sudden death of his father. Though not seventeen years of age, he cheerfully undertook the responsible task of aiding in the support of the large family of which he was the oldest child, his perseverance and fidelity being crowned with marked success.

Though with a young and growing family on his hands in 1758, he, with his brother Abijah, joined the army of the French and Indian war, and in the famous campaign of that year he held a commission, when twenty-seven years of age, as lieutenant of provincials, and was stationed near Lake George. His diary, kept throughout the campaign and subsequently with but few interruptions till 1814, is crowded with facts, many of which furnish valuable material for history.

On the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, when the alarm was given that the British troops were marching towards Concord, he and his two brothers were among the first to comprehend the grave importance of the occasion. Immediately seizing his musket, he hurried to the scene of action, where he performed heroic service, and brought home a musket taken by his own hands from a British soldier whom he had wounded in the conflict.

Samuel Thompson, Esq., in early life became interested in surveying, and for many years was engaged in making important surveys in Woburn and in many

other towns far and near, including the Middlesex Canal. From his surveys, plans were made of Charlestown, Boston, and vicinity, and also a part of Charlestown and Cambridge in 1794 – 1797.

He was also greatly interested in agriculture, and early set out a large number of fruit trees. He and his brother, Sheriff Abijah, probably did more than all other men, in connection with their neighbor and friend, Col. Loammi Baldwin, to cultivate, make known, and spread abroad the apple known originally as the "Pecker," but later the "Thompson," and for many years past the "Baldwin" apple. It was while he was surveying for the Middlesex Canal, that he discovered the apple in a wild native tree, much injured by the woodpeckers, in the southwestern part of Wilmington; and from the numerous trees which he and his brother, Abijah, grafted near their homes, Col. Baldwin undoubtedly took, subsequently, the scions for his famous four acre orchard.

Samuel Thompson was many times honored with town and other offices. He was justice of the peace; was repeatedly on the board of selectmen; was eight years representative to the General Court; was parish clerk, on numberless committees, and incessantly in positions of special responsibility.

When a young man he became a member of the Congregational Church, and in November, 1776, he was chosen to the office of deacon, an office which he honored and held nearly thirty-six years, until the weight and infirmities of more than fourscore years compelled him to resign.

As justice of the peace, to which office he was appointed soon after the establishment of the State Constitution and which he held more than thirty years, he was very popular. The amount of business he accomplished is said to have exceeded that of any other

justice in the county. He left a record of nearly one thousand actions tried before him. "His character, for the strictest integrity, was known and appreciated throughout his own and neighboring counties; and although he was a constant witness of litigation, he was universally and emphatically called by those who knew him, a 'peacemaker.'"

Toward the close of his long and eventful life, the once strong mental faculties of Samuel Thompson were much impaired. He died August 17, 1820, aged nearly eighty-nine years. On his monumental stone is the following inscription:

SACRED
TO
THE MEMORY OF
SAMUEL THOMPSON, ESQR.,
WHO DIED
AUG. 17, 1820.
ÆT. LXXXIX.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown
in peace of them that make peace.

Samuel Thompson, Esq. was three times married. He m. 1, Abigail Tidd of Woburn, May 15, 1753, who d. 1768.

Their children were:

229. i. Samuel,[6] b. April 7, 1754: d. unm. in the army, Aug. 12, 1776.
230. ii. Abigail,[6] b. Dec. 29, 1755; m. John Eames, Aug. 19, 1779, and d. March 13, 1835.
231. iii. Mary,[6] b. Jan. 13, 1757; d. April 6, 1759.
232. iv. Jonathan,[6] b. April 26, 1776; m. Mary Richardson, Aug. 9, 1781.
233. v. Arphaxed,[6] b. March 7, 1763; d. Dec. 15, 1771.
234. vi. Leonard,[6] b. Dec. 1, 1764, m. Esther Wyman, Oct. 30, 1785.

Samuel, Esq. m. 2, Lydia Jones of Concord, Feb. 26, 1770, who d. Oct. 19, 1788.

They had one child:

235. vii. Lydia,[6] b. Jan. 31, 1771; m. Timothy Walker of Concord, N. H., Dec. 31, 1804, and died in 1839, without children.

Samuel, Esq. m. 3, Esther, widow of Jesse Wyman, Oct. 22, 1789. She was a daughter of Rev. Joseph Burbeen of Woburn, had children by her first husband only, and d. Aug. 5, 1818.

The oldest son of Samuel Thompson, Esq., and bearing his own name, though he died young and unmarried, is worthy of a particular notice. In his early manhood he engaged in the business of a leather manufacturer in Malden, Mass. But, possessing in a large measure the traditional and inherited patriotic zeal of the family from which he had descended, he warmly espoused the cause of his country at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war. Though but a few days past his twenty-first year, he left his business, and joined the army as a lieutenant. He was in Col. Baldwin's regiment and Wood's company, stationed first at Medford, 1775, and at New York and Trenton the following year. In the retreat of the American army from Long Island, his persevering, and very exhaustive efforts to bring off a wounded comrade, brought on a violent fever, of which, after a few days of great suffering, he died, Aug. 12, 1776, aged 22 years, 4 months, and 5 days. He was regarded as one of the most promising young men of his time, and his death was a severe trial to his patriot father. Sixteen months before, a very dear brother had fallen in the opening battle of the war, and yet so fully persuaded was he of the justice of his country's cause, that he freely consented to the enlistment of his younger son, Jonathan.

The stricken father is said to have written the following acrostic on the death of his son, Samuel.

"Should Youth or Virtue save us from the grave,
And screen the Noble, or secure the Brave,
Might we be certain Merit would defend
Useful young men from premature end,
Excuse the Good, or lengthen out their Date,
Lo, Thompson then had lived among the Great.

Tho' worthy, noble, lovely, and admired,
His useful life much by his friends desir'd,
On future years their expectations laid
Much, yea, too much, for now their hopes are fled.
Powers Divine (because 'twas for the best)
Summon'd him hence, we trust, to heavenly Rest.
Oh, mourning friends, bid all excess adieu,
Nor murmuring say, 'He was but twenty-two.'"

108. DANIEL[5] THOMPSON (*Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, March 9, 1734; and, after his marriage, lived, until his death, in a house still standing and occupied at Central Square, about one mile from the place of his birth. He was a man of ardent temperament, full of activity and enterprise. Previous to the Revolutionary war he was one of the guards of the royal governor, and yet, in the troubles which preceded that event, he ever zealously espoused the cause of his native country. On the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, hearing of the march of the British toward Concord, he mounted his horse and hurried to the north village, a mile distant, for the purpose of rousing his friends to oppose the march of the enemy. There is a tradition that of all the men he met only one hesitated, and when that one asked him if he were not too hasty and likely to expose himself to great danger, he instantly replied, "No! I tell you our tyrants are on their march to destroy our stores, and if no one else opposes them to-day, *I will!*" Immediately hurrying away to the scene of action, he boldly took his position and poured his fire into the ranks of the British. On the retreat of the enemy, he took a station near the road. Stepping behind a barn to load, and then advancing round the corner of the building, he fired diagonally through the platoons of the enemy, so as to make every shot effectual. A grenadier, who watched his movements, was so enraged that he ran around the corner of the barn and shot him dead on the spot, while he was in the act of reloading his gun. Tradition says that a well directed

HOUSE OF THE MARTYR HERO, DAN'L THOMPSON OF WOBURN.

ball from another Woburn gun prevented the grenadier from ever rejoining his comrades.

The place where Daniel Thompson fell is still pointed out and is on that part of the road from Lexington to Concord which passes through a projecting corner of Lincoln.

The dead body of this martyr hero was brought back to the home which he had so recently left, and, amid the distractions, amounting almost to delirium, of the wife and three children, was buried in the oldest of Woburn's cemeteries. The funeral service was in the church, that of Asahel Porter, another Woburn man, who fell on the same eventful day, occurring at the same time and place. Rev. Josiah Sherman delivered an impressive sermon and offered a prayer, after which a great multitude of people from Woburn and the neighboring towns followed the remains to the grave.

It has been said that, until some changes were made in the house a few years ago, the stains of the blood that oozed from the dead body of this early victim of the American Revolution, were visible on the floor of the room in which it was laid.

The monumental stone still standing at the grave of Daniel Thompson, bears the following inscription :

"Here lies Buried the Body of Mr. Daniel Thompson, who was slain in Concord Battle on ye 19th. of April, 1775, Aged 40 years.

"Here Passenger, Confined, Reduced to dust
lies what was once Religious, wise & just.
The cause he engaged did animate him high,
Namely, Religion & dear Liberty.
Steady & warm in Liberties defence,
True to his Country, Loyal to His Prince,
Though in his Breast a Thirst for glory fir'd.
Although he's gone his name Embalm'd shall be
And had in Everlasting Memory."

Daniel Thompson, like his brothers, became a member of the Woburn First Church when a young man, and to the last honored the Christian profession. He

married, Oct. 29, 1760, Phebe Snow of Woburn, who, after surviving him nearly thirty-six years, d. in Baldwin, Me., where she had long lived with her only daughter, March 4, 1811.

Daniel[5] Thompson and Phebe (Snow) Thompson had three children :

236. i. Isaac Snow,[6] b. June 28, 1761 ; m. Charlotte Hay of Reading.
237. ii. Phebe,[6] b. Dec. 31, 1762 ; m. Josiah Pierce, March 11, 1787.
238. iii. Daniel,[6] b. Aug. 13, 1765 ; m. Rebecca Parker, Oct. 1, 1789.

Phebe,[6] the only daughter of Daniel,[5] was less than thirteen years of age when her father was killed in the conflict of the opening scene of the Revolution. She married, March 11, 1787, Josiah Pierce, a half brother of Benjamin Thompson, Count of Rumford, the mother of the latter, after the death of Benjamin Thompson, Sr., having m. the father of Josiah Pierce Jr. Josiah Pierce, the grandfather of the last named, m. Hannah Thompson of the same family. Josiah was the first name in regular lineal descent in six generations of the Pierce family. Josiah and Phebe (Thompson) Pierce of Baldwin, Me., had ten children and among their descendants have been a large number of men of liberal education, distinguished in various professions, and highly respected in every walk of life. Josiah Pierce, the fourth in the line of Josiahs, and a son of Phebe (Thompson) Pierce, was an honored judge and author, residing in Gorham, Me. The oldest son of Judge Pierce, b. at Gorham, June 15, 1827, and a graduate of Bowdoin College in 1846, entered the profession of law, was for some time U. S. Secretary of Legation to Russia at St. Petersburg, where, in 1865, he received from the emperor, knighthood of the order of St. Anne. Since 1870, he has resided in London, and is a member of various important societies, including the Royal Institution, founded by Count Rumford. His son, the sixth Josiah, lately a member of the University of Cambridge, England, is a civil engineer.

110. ABIJAH[5] THOMPSON (*Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, April 11, 1739. He was the first to bear a name which has since been given to at least ten of his descendants, all except two bearing also, as their family name, that of Thompson. At the opening of the Revolutionary war, he was thirty-six years old and had a family, his two children being then respectively in their twelfth and seventh years. Having served with his older brother, Samuel, in the old French war in 1858, he was not without some experience in military life. When, therefore, the startling news came, on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, that the British troops were on their way to Concord, he lost no time in putting both his military knowledge and his patriotism to the test. With his brothers, Samuel and Daniel, he hurried away to the scene of danger, and took an active part in the conflict in which Daniel was killed, and subsequently served in the Revolutionary army, for some time as armorer, but later as adjutant of militia. Many years after the war he wrote and, apparently by invitation of his fellow citizens, delivered a public address in which, among other highly patriotic passages, he describes, in thrilling words, the scenes of that fearful day, his brother's death, and the sad duty devolved on him of carrying and breaking the dreadful news to his widowed wife and three orphan children.

After the war, he built a new house, much larger than the one he at first built, both being in his native village, and on the principal (now Elm) street. Here he kept a hotel which, being then on the great thoroughfare from Boston through Woburn to the more northerly towns of Chelmsford, Andover, Haverhill, Exeter, N. H., etc., was widely known and much frequented by travelers in the days when railroads were unknown. Beside the cares of this business, he was, for from twenty to thirty years, widely known as deputy sheriff, doing, till near the time of his death in 1811, a large amount of

business in this office. During seven or eight years, in the meantime, he was on the board of selectmen, and, like his brother Samuel, was almost continually on important committees of town, parish, or church.

His business as sheriff and as keeper of a public house brought him into contact with many people from far and near, and like his brother Samuel, who was also widely known as a public surveyor, as well as town, parish, and church officer, he was enthusiastic in embracing these opportunities for making known and spreading abroad the newly discovered apple then known as the Pecker, and now as the Baldwin apple. Of a large number of trees of this popular fruit which he grafted near his home, noted for many years as the "second generation," from the original tree in Wilmington, the last one in bearing condition was blown down in 1869, in an autumn gale, and though probably eighty-five years old, even as a grafted tree, was full of fine apples at the time.

Abijah Thompson united with the First Congregational Church when a young man in his 22d year, and remained a much respected member till his sudden death by paralysis, Jan. 11, 1811, in the 72d year of his age. His death occurred in the second house which he built, after his return from the war, probably in 1778 or early in 1779. The house is now owned and occupied by the heirs of the late Oliver Fisher.

Sheriff Thompson or "Sheriff Abijah," as he was for many years called in Woburn, was, like his brother Samuel, three times married. Dec. 13, 1759, he m. 1, Esther Snow of Woburn, who d. without children, Jan. 3, 1761.

He m. 2, in 1762, Abigail, daughter of Zebediah and Abigail (Pierce) Wyman of Woburn. Of this marriage there were two children:

239. i. Rhoda,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1763; m. Jonathan Tidd, Oct. 19, 1780, and had:

1. Jonathan,[7] b. Dec. 5, 1781; m. Cynthia,[7] Eames.

2. Nabby,[7] b. June 16, 1787.
3. William,[7] b. April 12, 1792; m. 1, Rosanna Buckman, 2, Luthera Bond.
4. Franklin,[7] b. ——— 1795, and d. Dec. 26, 1796.
5. Mary Thompson,[7] b. Feb. 17, 1806; m. Joseph Eaton.

240. ii. Abijah,[6] b. Oct. 24, 1768; m. 1, Lydia Mead, 2, Lydia Bradford.

His second wife, Abigail, dying in 1778, "Sheriff Abijah" m. 3, Widow Sarah Burtt, maiden name Stanley, of Wilmington, probably in 1779. She survived him eleven years, and d. March 22, 1821, in her 67th year.

Their children were:

241. iii. Charles,[6] b. Nov. 25, 1780; m. Mary Wyman, Jan. 19, 1802.
242. iv. Alpha,[6] b. June 11, 1785; m. Mary Scottow, Jan. 4, 1810.
243. v. Sally,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1787; m. William Bond, Aug. 21, 1808.
244. vi. Nancy,[6] b. ——— 1788, and d. aged two years, Jan. 15, 1790.
245. vii. Nancy,[6] b. June 3, 1790; m. Christopher P. Hosmer, Feb. 27, 1812.

The daughters of "Sheriff Abijah" and Sarah (Burtt) Thompson had large families. Sally m. William Bond of Wilmington, lived in Wilmington and Andover each several years, but most of her life was spent in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, N. Y. She d. March 3, 1867. Of her fourteen children, the following is a condensed account:

1. Charles William, born April 21, 1809; d. Dec. 4, 1829.
2. Eliza Thompson, b. Nov. 8, 1810; m. Dr. James J. Wallace of New York, May 12, 1836, and had children: 1, William Addison, b. Jan. 17, 1837; 2, Frances Ami, b. May 11, 1841.
3. Mary Lawrence, b. April 5, 1812; m. Capt. John Crocker, Aug. 14, 1834, and d. March 19, 1837. Children: 1, Charles William, b. May 13, 1835; 2, Adolphus Graham, b. Oct. 12, 1836.
4. Henry Augustus, b. July 26, 1813; d. July 27, 1813.

5. { Twins } Nancy Hosmer, b. Feb. 24, 1815; d. Feb. 25, 1815.
6. { Twins } Sarah Stanley, b. Feb. 24, 1815; m. Andrew B. Brinckerhoff of New York, May 8, 1836, and had children: 1, Gurdon Grant, b. Dec. 17, 1836; 2, Edwin R., b. June 23, 1838; 3, Charles Clifford, b. Jan. 9, 1841; 4, Mary Louisa, b. March 1, 1843; 5, Thomas Fisher, b. Dec. 25, 1845; d. ———; 6, Emma Josephine, b. May 16, 1847; 7, Edith Adelaide, b. July 8, 1852.

7. Lovicia Wyman, b. Jan. 8, 1817; m. James L. Jackson of New York, Oct. 24, 1844, and had children: 1, Ella, b. July 6, 1845; 2, Emma Lavinia, b. March 23, 1847; 3, Charles Merwin, b. April 21, 1849, d. ———; 4, Lovicia Bond, b. Jan. 18, 1851, d. ———; 5, James Lander, b. Oct. 29, 1853; 6, Charles Wood, b. Nov. 7, 1859.
8. Lavinia Shedd, twin of Lovicia W., b. Jan. 8, 1817; d. unm.
9. Addison Fletcher, b. March 21, 1818; m. Ann Eliza Downing of New York, Jan. 6, 1842. Children: 1, William Downing, b. Sept. 26, 1842, d. ———; 2, Emeline, b. April 9, 1845, d. ———; 3, Addison Curtis, b. April 14, 1854; editor of the "Decorator and Furnisher," an elaborate and elegant monthly quarto, illustrative of domestic and social life, published in New York.
10. Martha Ann, b. Oct. 4, 1819; d. Feb. 25, 1829.
11. Edwin Graham, b. Nov. 25, 1821; d. April 20, 1823.
12. John Edwin, b. Feb. 12, 1824; m. Susan S. Yughey of New York, Nov. 21, 1844. Children: 1, Alice Yughey, b. Jan. 23, 1846; 2, John Edwin, b. June 11, 1849, d. ———; (?).
13. Joseph Webster, b. Dec. 14, 1826; m. 1, Susan Brownell, June 17, 1855, 2, Jennie H. Cassaday, April 14, 1869. Children: 1, Blanche Brownell, b. Nov. 5, 1856; 2, George Edwin, b. Nov. 12, 1857; 3, Joseph Sherman, b. Sept. 21, 1859; 4, Maude, b. Aug. 4, 1874, d. ———; 5, Ulysses Stanley, b. April 18, 1879.
14. Josephine Webster, twin of Joseph W., b. Dec. 14, 1826; m. Legrange N. Crocker, Oct. 18, 1848, and d. June 14, 1876. Resided in Springfield, Mass., and Bridgeport, Ct. Children: 1, Will Hewitt, b. Jan. 21, 1857; 2, Fred Bond, b. June 5, 1858, d. ———; 3, Louis N., b. Dec. 12, 1862.

The children of Nancy (Thompson) Hosmer, second daughter of "Sheriff Abijah," and Sarah (Burtt) Thompson, were ten in number:

1. Christopher Page, b. Feb. 23, 1813; m. Susan F. Small, Feb. 6, 1853.
2. Twins. Charles, b. Feb. 8, 1815; d. Feb. 16, 1815.
3. Twins. Rosewell, b. Feb. 8, 1815; d. March 17, 1816.
4. Charles Rosewell, b. Oct. 1, 1816; d. May 9, 1817.
5. Nancy Thompson, b. Feb. 18, 1818, unm.
6. Sally Bond, b. March 27, 1820; m. John Clark, Jan. 1, 1843.
7. Abijah Thompson, b. July 10, 1822; d. Feb. 20, 1823.
8. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 29, 1823; m. James E. Abbott, April 3. 1859; d. 1860.

9. Alvan, b. March 29, 1827; m. Octavia E. Poole of Falmouth, Me., Oct. 23, 1851. Children: 1, Frank Alvan, b. Nov. 14, 1853, grad. Amherst College 1875, by profession a teacher; m. Esther M. Kellog, of Amherst, Mass., Aug. 14, 1878, principal of high school, Great Barrington; 2, Marion Thompson, b. May 6, 1857, teacher in Woburn and Boston.
10. Oren Stanley, b. Oct. 16, 1829; m. Charlotte A. Emery, of Tuftonboro, N. H., Aug. 1, 1860. Lives in Malden. Children: 1, Charles Emery, b. Sept. 9, 1861; d. Nov. 17, 1872; 2, Louis Page, b. Sept. 5, 1863; 3, Hermon, b. March 12, 1865.

119. Jabez[5] Thompson (*Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) b. in Woburn, May 24, 1746; m. Keziah Wyman of Woburn, May 11, 1773, and always lived, as he also died, in the north village of the town. Like many of his kindred in Woburn and elsewhere, he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He d. Jan. 15, 1804.

Children of Jabez[5] and Keziah (Wyman) Thompson:

246. i. Ruth,[6] b. Nov. 2, 1773; m. Thomas Poole, Aug. 18, 1796; and d. April 29, 1840.
247. ii. Mary,[6] b. April 8, 1775; m. Reuben Newell of Wakefield, Nov. 27, 1794.
248. iii. Elizabeth,[6] b. Aug. 22, 1776; m. James Howard of Malden, Nov. 19, 1795.

Ruth (Thompson) Poole had twelve children, including three pairs of twins, all of whom lived to middle life, and nearly all far beyond it:

1. Mary, m. James Hartshorn of Wakefield and had six children: 1, Wilson, 2, Hubbard, 3, Charles, 4, Mary, 5, Wilson, 6, Hubbard.
2. George, m. Clarissa Kimball, and had five children.
3. Ruth, unm.
4. Thomas, m. Rhoda Nichols, and had one daughter.
5. Jefferson, m. ——— Wilson, and had one son.
6. Rufus, m. Susan Gleason, and had three children,— two sons.
7. Harriet, m. James Howard, and had three sons and five daughters.
8. Clarissa, m. Edwin Fuller, and had six children.

9. Warren,
10. Loren,
11. William,
12. Henry,

} All living, the youngest 72, and all unmarried.

Mary (Thompson) Newell had six children :

1, Reuben, 2, Mary, 3, Sally, 4, Thompson, 5, Clara, 6, Susan.

Elizabeth (Thompson) Howard had five children :

1, Betsey, 2, Thompson, 3, James, 4, Lydia, 5, Susan.

121. Timothy[5] Thompson (*Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in the oldest Thompson homestead at North Woburn, Jan. 14, 1750. He was only in his ninth year when his father died. In his young manhood he settled in Charlestown, where he was a prosperous mechanic. At the age of 25 years he m. Mary Frothingham of a distinguished Charlestown family, Jan. 3, 1775, who survived him just 14 years, dying Feb. 9, 1848, at the very advanced age of 92 years.

In the history of Charlestown, it is said that just before the battle of Bunker Hill, he was one of a party who removed the British guns from the battery privately in the night. He had just built him a house at "great pains and expense" only to see it consumed in the great conflagration of the town kindled by the British. But, though obliged to flee with his young wife to a place of safety for her in a neighboring town, he immediately returned and took an active part in the conflict that was raging. And, after the conflict was over, he and his wife were among the first to return and assist in rebuilding the town, his first child being, it was said, the first child born in the place after the return of the people, some four months from the time of their flight. After the war was ended, and for many years, Timothy Thompson was a very highly respected citizen of the town. He early became a member of the First Congregational Church ; he was on the board of selectmen in 1813, was representative to the General Court, and was a trustee of the schools. He had a large and very highly respected family, and, in his old age, till his death, Feb. 4, 1834, he was pre-eminently "a gentleman of the old school," very neat in his person, affable, and

everywhere commanding attention and respect. In his occasional visits to his kindred in Woburn, he was "the observed of all observers," and is still remembered there as a man of rare qualities both in person and in character.

Children of Timothy[5] and Mary (Frothingham) Thompson:

249. i. Joseph,[6] b. Sept. 12, 1775; d. April 5, 1783.
250. ii. Timothy,[6] b. Feb. 24, 1777; m. Sarah Calder, Nov. 14, 1796.
251. iii. Samuel,[6] b. March 5, 1779; m. Mary Green, ——— 1802.
252. iv. Abraham Rand,[6] b. May 20, 1781; m. Elizabeth Bowers, ——— 1803.
253. v. Joseph,[6] b. May 12, 1783; m. Wid. Susan (Pratt) Thompson, Nov. 23, 1817.
254. vi. Mary,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1785; m. Richard Frothingham, Nov. 2, 1808.
255. vii. Lydia,[6] b. April 6, 1787; d. March ——— 1857.
256. viii. Susannah,[6] b. March 30, 1789; d. Sept. 9, 1790.
257. ix. Susannah,[6] b. March 24, 1791; m. William Sawyer, Sept. 20, 1807.
258. x. Thomas Miller,[6] b. Oct. 24, 1793; m. Hannah Swift, Oct. 17, 1826.
259. xi. George,[6] b. Dec. 24, 1796; d. Oct. 16, 1802.
260. xii. Benjamin,[6] b. Aug. 5, 1798; m. Mary Newell, June 20, 1820.

Of the daughters of Timothy[5] and Mary (Frothingham) Thompson, Mary, who m. Richard Frothingham of Charlestown, Nov. 2, 1808, and d. Aug. 1, 1836, had seven children as follows:

1. Richard, b. Jan. 31, 1812; d. Jan. 20, 1880, aged 68 years.
2. Mary Jane, b. April 30, 1813; d. Oct. 5, 1813.
3. Joseph Thompson, b. Aug. 26, 1814; d. 1819.
4. Mary Thompson, b. Feb. 9, 1816; m. Thomas A. Goddard.
5. Lydia, b. ———
6. Caroline, b. Feb. 9, 1820; m. Franklin A. Hall.
7. Eliza Sargent, Feb. 18, 1823; d. March 7, 1847.

The Hon. Richard Frothingham, Jr., LL. D., the first of the children of Mary (Thompson) Frothingham, was highly distinguished in various ways. For many years he was a member of the editorial staff of the *Boston Post*. He represented Charlestown in the State Legislature for five sessions, and was three times chosen mayor of that city. In 1853 he was a member of the

State Constitutional Convention. He was more especially distinguished as the author of the "History of Charlestown," "History of the Siege of Boston," the "Battles of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill," "Account of the Bunker Hill Monument," "Life of Gen. Joseph Warren," and the "Rise of the Republic."

Susannah, another of the daughters of Timothy[5] and Mary (Frothingham) Thompson m. William Sawyer, who went from Haverhill to Charlestown in 1800, and m. into the Thompson family in 1807. Among the children of this marriage was Timothy Thompson Sawyer, who was b. in Charlestown, Jan. 7, 1817. In his 15th year, he entered the store of his uncle, Thomas Miller Thompson, a dealer in hardware, ship chandlery, etc., in Boston, where he remained till the death of the latter in 1836. Though not yet twenty years of age, he then successfully managed the business for several years alone. In 1841, he formed a co-partnership with John W. Frothingham. He was for two years, like his cousin, Richard Frothingham, mayor of Charlestown, and for several years he was regarded as the "father" of the Charlestown Public Library. He married in 1838, and had one son and five daughters. His venerable mother d. Jan. 9, 1886, lacking but a little more than two months of 95 years of age.

126. Seth[5] Thompson (*James*,[4] *James*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. Dec. 22, 1737, lived in Burlington, m. Martha or "Molly" Dean (difference in records), Dec. 11, 1760, and d. in 1763. But little is now known of him. His wife was admitted a member of the church in Burlington, Dec. 19, 1762, and June 19, 1763, after the death of the husband and father, presented for baptism her only child, who bore his father's name. But what was the subsequent history of the boy, Seth, cannot be stated, except that in 1787, his grandfather in his will bequeathed to him a portion of his estate.

128. James[5] Thompson (*James*,[4] *James*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. ———, 1743, like his brother lived in Burlington, and m Esther Reed, Sept. 29, 1770. From an entry in the Diary of Samuel Thompson, Esq., May 24, 1803, it appears that he died on that day in the almshouse. But this is all that can be ascertained concerning him. He had two children, James and William, both of whom are said to have died young, and unmarried, though no record of such death has been found.

132. Benjamin,[5]
133. William,[5] } Thompson, } Simon,[4] Simon,[3] Jonathan,[2] James.[1]
134. Isaac,[5]

The three sons of Simon,[4] and Martha (Wright) Thompson, whose names are given above, strangely drop out of sight in early life. Beside the record of their birth, no certain trace of them has been found. There was a Simon Thompson at different times, but not certainly identified, in Woburn, in Burlington, and in Wilmington, and it seems probable that in each case it was the same man. The father of the above-named brothers seems to have lived in Burlington at the time of their birth, and also that of an older sister, but he evidently left Burlington for some other home, where he died, as his wife returned a widow to Woburn, where she died July 4, 1783.

SIXTH GENERATION.

141. BENJAMIN[6] THOMPSON (*Joshua*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, May 26, 1740, m. Lydia Gould and lived in his native town, where he d. Aug. 30, 1776, his wife dying June 14, 1777.

They had three children, all sons:

261. i. Jacob,[7] b. Nov. 23, 1772; m. Elizabeth Mumford.
262. ii. Benjamin,[7] b. Sept. 5, 1774, and d. June 9, 1777.
263. iii. Henry,[7] b. Aug. 31, 1776, and d. Sept. 27, 1799, age 23.

Some time after the death of the second of these three brothers the name of the first was changed to Benjamin Franklin, and after his marriage he lived in New Haven, Conn., and in Charlestown, Mass. He seems to have been a seafaring man, and d., so far as known, without children, at New Orleans, La., probably about 1830.

Henry, who died in early manhood, and unmarried, left a will dated July 5, 1799. In this will he gives "to my brother Benjamin (now a mariner at sea) my estate, if he should return to receive the same within seven years from my decease, but if he should not, to the support of schools for the education of youth in Wilmington."

142. JAMES[6] THOMPSON (*Joshua*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Jan. 13, 1743, and was by profession a clergyman. There was once a tradition in the vicinity of Woburn that he was pastor of the

Congregational Church in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., but this, by repeated investigation, has been found to be a mistake. A James Thompson was, however, settled in March or April, 1795, as pastor of the Congregational Church of Dalton in that county. He seemed to have come to Dalton from Pittsfield, then as now an adjoining town. But it does not appear that he was ever a pastor of Pittsfield, unless, possibly some other town, now distinct, was then included in the old municipality, nor has the most persevering search of all available records and papers revealed where he went when, some years later, he left Dalton. It is remarkable that no one in Dalton can shed any light on this question. The name of his wife appears to have been Mary, and is found in the records of the church; but there is no mention of children. A nephew, son of his brother Jonathan of Charlestown, and bearing the uncle's name, is said to have lived with him.

143. JONATHAN,[6] THOMPSON (*Joshua*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in Wilmington, Nov., 1745, m. 1, Sarah Jaquith, July 8, 1767, and lived in Charlestown and Wilmington. He was a housewright by trade, and d. Jan. 17, 1796.

Children of Jonathan[6] and Sarah (Jaquith) Thompson:

264. i. Jonathan,[7] b. March 13, 1773; d. in Wiscasset, Me.
265. ii. Joshua,[7] b. Dec. 8, 1776; d. unm. of consumption, Feb. 12, 1796.

Jonathan,[6] m. 2, Sarah Butters of Wilmington, Jan. 18, 1781. Their children were:

266. iii. Sylvester,[7] b. May 26, 1783; died unm. at sea.
267. iv. Sarah,[7] b. ——— 1787; m. George W. Ford at Wilmington, and d. 1811.
268. v. An infant,[7] b. ——— 1789(?); died in Charlestown, March 12, 1791.
269. vi. James,[7] b. ——— 1791(?).

The second wife of Jonathan dying of consumption in Charlestown, Feb. 12, 1791, he m. 3, Widow Rachael

Jones, whose maiden name was Sawyer, 1795. She died without children at Sandown, N. H., 94 years of age.

The only notice of James, the youngest child of Jonathan, is found in the will of the latter and, elsewhere, the statement that he lived in Berkshire County, with his uncle, James, a clergyman. Probably this "Uncle James" was the Rev. James Thompson, pastor of the Congregational Church in Dalton, Mass.

145. ROBERT[6] THOMPSON (*Robert,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) m. Margaret, "a genteel woman," and lived in Londonderry, N. H. He was on the board of selectmen in 1782, and was an elder or deacon in the Presbyterian church.

They had nine children:

270. i. Robert,[7] b. ——— d. in his 31st. year on passage home from South Carolina, 1794.
271. ii. Jenny,[7] b. ———.
272. iii. John,[7] b. ———.
273. iv. Smith,[7] b. ———.
274. v. Thomas,[7] b. ———.
275. vi. James,[7] b. ———. m. Margaret Gregg, and d. 1793, in his 27th year. He had one son, Jonathan[8].
276. vii. William,[7] b. ———.
277. viii. Betsey,[7] b. ———.
278. ix. Peggy,[7]. ———.

The foregoing necessarily very incomplete record of a once numerous and now scattered, if not lost, family, is involved in some obscurity and doubt. Through the great kindness of a correspondent, R. C. Mack, Esq., of Londonderry, himself a genealogist, though not of the Thompson family, this imperfect account has been furnished. This friend writes concerning the sons of Robert, that Robert, John, Smith, Thomas, and William, five of the six, all went to Carolina. James, the only one who remained in New England, after losing his first wife by death, m. 2, Martha Gilmore of Bedford, N. H.,

and had a large family of children. In 1811, they moved "down East," where he was a merchant.

146. ANDREW[6] THOMPSON (*Robert*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. —— m. Margaret —— and had two children, b. in Windham, N. H.:

279. i. Hugh,[7] b. April 4, 1757.
280. ii. William,[7] b. Oct. 29, 1758.

Andrew[6] Thompson was, at one time, on the board of selectmen at Windham, N. H.

147. SAMUEL[6] THOMPSON (*Robert*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) lived in Windham, N. H., m. Sarah ——. He was selectman in 1758, and a soldier in the French and Indian war. He had one child:

281. i. Abigail,[7] b. Feb. 27, 1765.

148. JAMES[6] THOMPSON (*Robert*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. about 1736; m. Elizabeth ——, lived in Windham, N. H. and d. Dec. 8, 1776, in his 40th year. His children were:

282. i. Jonathan,[7] b. July 31, 1766.
283. ii. John,[7] b. March 7, 1768.
284. iii. Nanny,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1770.
285. iv. Elizabeth,[7] b. Nov. 3, 1773.

149. JONATHAN[6] THOMPSON (*Robert*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) m. Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Richey, and resided in a part of Windham, N. H. called "The Range." His children were five in number:

286. i. Hannah,[7] b. Nov. 30, 1775; m. —— Sargent.
287. ii. William Richey,[7] b. April 15, 1778; "Billy Thompson," unm.
288. iii. Elizabeth,[7] b. Oct. 26, 1781; m. Nathan Kendall in 1808.
289. iv. Mary,[7] b. Oct. 14, 1786; m. James Patch.
290. v. James,[7] b. June 8, 1790; m. Priscilla Woods in 1822.

The second daughter of Jonathan[6] and Elizabeth Thompson, bearing her mother's name, m. Nathan Kendall of Bedford, N. H. in 1808, and had six children, one

of whom, bearing the same name, m. Benjamin F. Emerson and lived in Nashua, N. H. Among the children of the latter is Benjamin Kendall Emerson, b. in Nashua Dec. 20, 1843, graduated from Amherst College in 1865, student at Göttingen, Germany 1867 – 1869, Ph. D., Göttingen, 1869; resident graduate, Berlin, Germany, 1870; instructor in geology and zoölogy, Amherst College, 1870 – 1872; professor of geology and zoölogy, Amherst College, since 1872. He m., April 2, 1873, Mary Annette, daughter of Rev. Erastus Hopkins, of Northampton, Mass. and has four children.

Mary, the youngest daughter of Jonathan[6] and Elizabeth Thompson, m. James Patch and had four children:

1. Eliza, ——— m. 1, Luther Woods of Merrimac, N. H., and 2, Caleb Jones, and had five children, Eliza, Amos, Charlotte, Goodwin, and Hattie.
2. Asa, d. young.
3. William, d. young.
4. Mary.

150. William[6] Thompson, (*Robert*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) lived in Windham in 1754, where he was parish clerk. He was also a soldier in the French and Indian war. But no account has been found of his family, if he had one, and no definite account of his residence after leaving Windham, though there is some probability that he resided, at one time, in Londonderry.

156. James[6] Thompson (*James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., June 5, 1753, removed with the family in his boyhood to New Salem, Mass., and there m. Mary, or "Polly," Sellon, Aug. 20, 1777. He kept a tavern, and was a farmer in the town of his adoption. The destruction of the town records in 1856, mentioned in the notice of his father, and the ultimate removal from the place, and wide separation of the families bearing the name of Thompson, make it impossible to give more than a general account.

From the inscriptions upon the gravestones in the New Salem cemetery are the following: "James Thompson, died Oct. 28, 1819, in his 66th year." "Mary, his wife, died March 7, 1813, 55 years."

Their children were:

291. i. James[7] went West, and fifty years ago lived in Illinois.
292. ii. John,[7] lived a half a century since in Franklin, N. Y.
293. iii. Polly,[7] b. Dec, 19, 1783; m. Rufus Merriam, Feb. 4, 1808.
294. iv. Josiah,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1790; m. Louisa H. Houlton; d. April 15, 1855.
295. v. Annie,[7] b. 1793; m. Jesse Merriam; d. Feb. 29, 1856.
296. vi. Clark,[7] b. April 2, 1798; m. 1, Eliza Smith; 2, Nancy Kendall.
297. vii. Sally,[7] b. ———; m. Capt. Joseph Whittaker of New Salem.

James,[7] the oldest son of this family, married and went to Illinois, and had a numerous family of which nothing definite is known. He was a very enterprising and prosperous merchant and manufacturer. One married daughter lives in Lyons, France.

John,[7] m., there is some reason to believe, Almira Jones in 1824, and lived in Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y. He was a farmer and had also a saw and grist mill; was a prosperous man and had a large family of children. There is reason to believe that he also ultimately went to Illinois.

The two sisters, Polly and Annie, m. brothers, Rufus and Jesse Merriam, of New Salem, where they lived and died. Sally Thompson m. Capt. Joe Whittaker of New Salem, and had children,—Frank and Priscilla. Frank studied law, had a good education, was for some time a preacher, went West, became a very energetic business man, lost an arm by accident, and was chaplain in the House of Representatives in Iowa.

Of Josiah[7] and Clark[7] Thompson more will be said hereafter.

159. Caleb[6] Thompson (*James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., Nov. 7, 1758, removed when young to New Salem, Mass., and

m. Mehitable ——. Still less is known of him than of his brother James. He d. in New Salem, Nov. 16, 1830, and his wife, after surviving him nearly ten years, d. Oct. 11, 1840, aged 75 years.

Their children were:

298. i. Joshua,[7] b. 1785, and d. Dec. 29, 1794, aged 9 years.
299. ii. Ezra,[7] b. ——, 1787, and d. July 29, 1792, aged 5 years.
300. iii. Freeman,[7] b. 1796, and d. Sept. 25, 1825, aged 25 years.

There was also probably a Caleb, and, it may be, others, but no definite account of them can be given. Freeman, who d. in 1825, was a physician, having graduated from the medical department of Brown University, Providence, R. I.

161. Richard[6] Thompson, (*William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., March 7, 1749; m. 1, Rebecca Eaton, 1772, lived in Rindge, N. H., and thence removed to Chester, Vt. where he d. Oct. 25, 1806.

The children of this first marriage were:

301. i. Rebecca,[7] b. 1774 at Rindge, N. H., m. Benj. Kingsbury. Six children. 1, Elinor,[8] 2, Abby,[8] 3, Gratia,[8] 4, Harriet,[8] 5, Rebecca,[8] 6, Benjamin.[8]
302. ii. Richard,[7] b. 1776 at Rindge, N. H., m. 1, Polly Tarbell, 1809.
303. iii. Jerusha,[7] b. 1778, at Rindge, N. H., m. —— Howe, children, Nancy,[8] and a son.[8]

Richard[6] m. 2, Rachel Barnes, Feb. 18, 1778.
Children:

304. iv. Rachel,[7] b. Jan. 1, 1779, m. Caleb Barton, 1800, and d. March 20, 1824.
305. v. Ebenezer,[7] b. Nov. 13, 1788; m. 1, Hannah Maynard, 1805; m. 2, Hannah Sommerby; d. March 25, 1859.
306. vi. Abigail,[7] b. Nov. 13, 1788; m. Elias Damon, 1808; d. Aug. 5, 1877. They lived in Springfield, Vt., where he died Nov. 16, 1880. Six children, 1, Edna,[8] 2, Susan,[8] 3, Rachel,[1] 4, Elizabeth A.,[8] 5, Augusta A.,[8] 6, Almon B.[8]
307. vii. Susannah C.,[7] b. Feb. 20, 1791; m. Simon Harlow, 1813, Springfield, Vt. Children, 1, Lucius,[8] 2, Abigail,[8] 3, Clarissa,[8] 4, Rachel,[8] 5, Susan,[8] 6, Emma.[8]

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308. viii. Nancy,[7] b. May 8, 1794; d. ——— 1796.
309. ix. Daniel,[7] b. July 28, 1796; m. Lucy Stoddard, 1819.
310. x. Joshua Hall,[7] b. Sept. 18, 1799; m. 1, Lucinda Putnam, 1830 m. 2, Mary Ann; d. April 14, 1887. 73 years.
311. xi. Aaron Leland,[7] b. May 8, 1802; m. Randilla Weston, July 5, 1830, and d. Feb. 6, 1867.

163. WILLIAM[6] THOMPSON (*William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., June 30, 1754; m. 1, Betsey Eaton, a sister of his brother Richard's first wife, and lived in Chester, Vt. No children reported.

William[6] m. 2, Anna Putnam of Andover, Vt., July 8, 1798. She d. June 15, 1854, aged 77 years.

Children :

312. i. Amy,[7] } twins, b. Feb. 12, 1807.
313. ii. Abigail,[7] }
314. iii. Achsah,[7] b. Sept. 17, 1811.

164. EBENEZER[6] THOMPSON, (*William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., May 21, 1757; m. Judith Coggin, April 18, 1782. He seems not to have left Wilmington with his father's family when they removed to Vermont, but to have lived for some time in Waltham, Mass. He d. Oct. 31, 1828; his wife d. Sept 30, 1833.

They had children :

315. i. Bestey,[7] b. May 18, 1783; m. Dr. Ephraim Buck, Nov. 21, 1811.
316. ii. Infant (?).
317. iii. Sally,[7] b. March 14, 1785; d. unm., Dec. 3, 1806.
318. iv. Loammi,[7] b. at Waltham, July 31, 1790; d. March 25, 1796.

167. SAMUEL[6] THOMPSON (*William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., March 15, 1770; m. Betsey Congdon, Oct. 23, 1808. Lived in Chester, Vt.

No children reported.

169. TIMOTHY[6] THOMPSON (*William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., March 15,

1777; m. Susannah Putnam Dec. 1, 1803, b. Jan. 14, 1781, and lived in Chester, Vt., where he d. June 4, 1853, aged 76.

Children:

319. i. Susannah Putnam,[7] b. Sept. 1, 1807.
320. ii. Sarah,[7] b. Dec. 20, 1808.
321. iii. Timothy,[7] b. March 29, 1810; m. Maria (?).
322. iv. Thomas,[7] b. Dec. 16, 1814; m. Sarah F. Atwood.
323. v. Sophia,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1817.
324. vi. Silva,[7] b. April 3, 1820. } Twins. } Truman m. Polly Ann
325. vii. Truman,[7] b. April 3, 1820. } Twins. } Wiman, Oct. 11, 1840.

170. Benjamin[6] Thompson (*Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*[4], *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, Mass., Nov. 3, 1758; m. Susannah Jaquith, Jan. 22, 1783. He was prominent as a citizen, and highly respected. He and his wife became members of the Congregational Church in 1789, and in 1796 he was elected to the office of deacon, which he retained for many years. He d. Jan. 30, 1826, in his 68th year. His wife d. Feb. 16, 1840.

Their children were:

326. i. John,[7] b. June 14, 1784; m. 1, Sarah Hopkins, 2, Nancy Richardson.
327. ii. Benjamin,[7] b. April 1, 1786; m. 1, Abby Whitman, 2, Ann Fay.
328. iii. Sarah,[7] b. July 18, 1789; m. Isaac Chandler, March 26, 1814; d. 1853.
329. iv. James,[7] b. Nov. 23, 1791; d. unm. March 16, 1824.
330. v. Jacob,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1794; d. unm. Jan. 30, 1834.
331. vi. Joshua,[7] b. March 19, 1797; d. unm. Jan. 28, 1825.
332. vii. Hannah,[7] b. May, 1800; m. 1, Dr. Walter P. B. Judson, April 13, 1824; m. 2, George H. Whitman of Billerica.

172. Samuel[6] Thompson (*Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, March 24, 1767; m. Olive Buck of Wilmington, March 31, 1790, and resided in Tewksbury, Mass.

They had seven children:

333. i. Samuel,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1791; m. Lucy Clark, April 9, 1816; d. 1873.
334. ii. Jonathan,[7] b. June 28, 1793; m. Clarissa Trull, May 19, 1818; d. 1826.

335. iii. Olive,[7] b. Aug. 2, 1795; m. Eldad Carter, Dec. 3, 1818.
336. iv. Joseph,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1797; m. Susan Fowler, Sept. 8, 1832. He d. May 23, 1855, and left three children, all daughters.
337. v. Hannah,[7] b. July 17, 1799; d. Aug. 2, 1807.
338. vi. Abner,[7] b. Oct. 6, 1804; d. unm. in New Jersey.
339. vii. Mary,[7] b. April 13, 1806; m. Abner Slack, Nov. 18, 1827.

Olive, the wife of Samuel,[6] dying March 21, 1807, he m. 2, April 14, 1808, Elizabeth, wid. of David Jones, and dau. of Benjamin Harnden of Wilmington. No children.

175. EBENEZER[6] THOMPSON (*Josiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b., probably in Charlestown, Sept. 24, 1753; m. 1, Esther Parker, and lived in Medford. She d. without children, May 26, 1777, and he m. 2, Catharine Greenleaf, May 21, 1778.

They had four children:

340. i. Ebenezer,[7] b. March 17, 1779; m. Hannah Gage, 1801.
341. ii. Josiah,[7] b. June 28, 1781; m. Susan Pratt, July 18, 1811; d. 1812.
342. iii. Gardner,[7] b. July 24, 1784. } Twins { m.——Parmenter, N. Y.
343. iv. Catharine,[7] b. July 24, 1784. } Twins { m. Noah Johnson, 1808.

Ebenezer's[7] second wife, d. Sept. 22, 1793, and he m. 3, Hannah Tufts, Nov. 20, 1794. They had one child:

344. v. Samuel,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1795, and d. unm. in Havana, probably soon after 1830. Ebenezer, his father, d. March 5, 1800.

180. SAMUEL[6] THOMPSON (*Josiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*,[1]) was b. in Medford, Feb. 15, 1766; m. Lydia Waters, of New Hampshire, and d. March 23, 1843, aged 77. He lived on "Black Horse Hill," formerly in Medford, but now included in Winchester.

Samuel,[6] and Lydia (Waters) Thompson, had four children:

345. i. Mary,[7] b. 1790, and d. Jan. 30, 1842, aged 55 years.
346. ii. Ann,[7] b. ——; d. unm.
347. iii. Rebecca,[7] b. ——; d. unm.
348. iv. Samuel,[7] b. ——. Supposed to be living and unm. Place not known. All born between 1790 and 1808, and all unm.

181. Ezra,[6] Thompson (*Ezra,*[5] *Simon,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Dunstable, Mass., 1765 (?) ; m. Susannah ———, and d. June 8, 1810. She d. May 17, 1809.

Children :

349. i. Ezra,[7] b. (?)
350. ii. Elizabeth,[7] b. (?)

203. Jacob[6] Thompson, (*Daniel,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Mass., July 12, 1772; m. 1, Hadassah Stone of Brimfield, Jan. 26, 1801, and removed to Holland, an adjoining town, once a part of his native town. He lived to a great age, was a man of great vigor, a man of business and of great moral worth.

His children, ten in number, were :

351. i. Vernon,[7] b. Dec. 9, 1801, in Holland; m. Eleanor Hyatt of Washington, D. C.
352. ii. Evaline,[7] b. Jan. 30, 1803, in Holland; m. Abel Alden of Greenwich, Mass., and d. Nov. 7, 1873.
353. iii. Addison,[7] b. in Holland, Oct. 22, 1806; d. unm. April 25, 1884.
354. iv. Hadassah,[7] b. in Holland, Sept. 27, 1808; m. Rev. Amasa Dewey.
355. v. William Austin,[7] b. in Holland, March 28, 1811; m. Harriet B. Sawyer.

Removing from Holland to Monson, Jacob[6] had other children.

356. vi. Sarah Marsh,[7] b. May 28, 1813; m. Dr. Lewis Chatham.
357. vii. Rachel Louisa,[7] b. July 7, 1815; m. Rev. James A. Clark.
358. vii. Harriet Holbrook,[7] b. Oct. 8, 1817; d. June 29, 1829.
359. ix. Nancy Stone,[7] b. Aug. 1, 1820; d. Dec. 14, 1842, in her 23d year.
360. x. Maria L,[7] b. Dec. 1, 1822; m. Reuben W. Ropes.

Hadassah (Stone) Thompson, d. March 4, 1835, at the age of 52 years, and Jacob,[6] m. 2, Eliza Converse of Monson, Nov. 8, 1836. They had no children. He d. June 3, 1863, in his 91st year, in Monson, where he spent his last years.

Of the daughters of Jacob[6] and Hadassah (Stone) Thompson, Evaline m. Abel Alden of Greenwich, Mass., where she d. Nov. 7, 1873. She had seven children :

1, Maria, m. J. B. Root; 2, Frances, m. Dr. Root; 3, Harriet, 4, Henry, 5, William, 6, Augustus, 7, Corinna M.

The second daughter, Hadassah, m. Rev. Amasa Dewey of Petersham, Mass., Jan. 25, 1837; had one daughter, Mary E. who d. in 1867. Mrs. Dewey is now a widow, and resides in the old Thompson homestead at Monson.

The third daughter, Sarah M., was for some time a teacher in Iowa; m. Dr. Lewis Chatham of Illinois. Four children: one son d. young, 2, John, 3, Edwin, 4, Maria.

The fourth daughter, Rachel L., m. Rev. James A. Clark of New Haven, Conn., April 24, 1838. Four children: 1, William, 2, James A., 3, Charles, 4, Mary.

Mrs. Clark is also a widow, and resides at Monson with her sister, Mrs. Dewey.

The seventh daughter, Maria L. m. Reuben W. Ropes of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1852. Has three children: 1, Edward W., 2, Fanny, 3, William, the last a member, in 1884 of Williams College.

Of the sons of Jacob Thompson notice will be taken hereafter.

204. THADDEUS[6] THOMPSON (*Col. Jonathan,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, July 2, 1751. But little has been ascertained of his history. He seems to have m. about 1780, Betsey, or, as it is recorded, "Betty," and to have removed to Lenox, Berkshire County, where he had a numerous family. Before any of his nine children were married, so far as appears from the town records, the family left the town, and all inquiry in Lenox, in Monson, in Brimfield, and elsewhere among the nearest relatives known to be living, has failed to ascertain whither they went or where any of the descendants of Thaddeus are now to be found.

The children, as recorded in the records of Lenox, are the following:

361. i. Jonathan,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1782.
362. ii. Harry,[7] b. Oct. 2, 1784; d. March 4, 1785.
363. iii. William,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1786.
364. iv. John Whitlock,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1788.
365. v. Betsey,[7] b. March 11, 1790; d. Jan. 19, 1794.
366. vi. Harriet,[7] b. Oct. 22, 1791.
367. vii. Thaddeus,[7] b. Nov. 8, 1793.
368. viii. Betsey,[7] b. Sept. 2, 1794; d. Sept. 30, 1796.
369. ix. Sarah,[7] b. Sept. 8, 1797; d. Oct. 6, 1797.

In a list of soldiers in the Revolutionary army from Berkshire County, the name of Thaddeus Thompson appears as that of an army surgeon from the town of New Marlborough, but there are no known means of identifying the surgeon with Thaddeus Thompson, afterwards of Lenox, and there is no hint of the latter in the Brimfield records or history, as ever sustaining the office. As late as 1803, his name is found in a list of legal voters of Lenox.

207. Sylvanus[6] Thompson (*Col. Jonathan*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, July 1, 1758; m. Mehitable Brewer and resided in his native town where he d. March 6, 1833.

Their children were:

370. i. William Warriner,[7] b. Feb. 23, 1786; m. Annis Young.
371. ii. Phebe Locke,[7] b. March 30, 1788; m. Morris B. Belknap.
372. iii. Samuel Brewer,[7] b. Oct. 6, 1790; d. Oct. 9, 1793.
373. iv. Horace,[7] b. Sept. 13, 1792; d. Oct. 9, 1793.
374. v. James,[7] b. Oct. 23, 1794.
375. vi. Betsey,[7] b. April 4, 1797; m. James Wolcott, Jr., Oct. 9, 1820.
376. vii. Sylvanus,[7] b. March 7, 1799.
377. viii. Archibald Brewer,[7] b. July 1, 1801.
378. ix. Mary,[7] b. Sept. 27, 1804; m. Samuel H. Judson, April 4, 1826.

The oldest daughter of Sylvanus[6] and Mehitable (Brewer) Thompson, who m. Morris B. Belknap, has children, 1, Francis S.[8], 2, Caroline R.[8], 3, William R.[8], 4, Lucy[8], 5, Morris Burke[8].

William R. grad. 1869 from the Sheffield Scientific Department of Yale College, New Haven, Conn., and m. a daughter of Prof. B. Silliman.

Morris B. grad. from Yale College, 1877.

It seems probable, from the somewhat conflicting accounts, that Sylvanus had a second wife. But from the several reports, it is impossible to determine which of the two was the first. It, however, seems nearly certain that Mehitable Brewer was the mother of his children. The name of the other, if there was another, was Betsey or Elizabeth.

208. Col. Samuel[6] Thompson (*Col. Jonathan,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Mass., May 4, 1760. At the early age of sixteen, he was so fired by the patriotic spirit of the family, that he joined the Revolutionary army, first as a drummer, and subsequently as a private. In Jan., 1782, he m. Asenath Hoar, of Brimfield, and immediately removed to Wilmington, Vt., where he lived nearly 40 years. About 1822, he removed from Vermont to Amherst, Mass., where he resided, greatly respected, until his death in 1859. He was a warm friend of Amherst College, especially during its early history, and is said to have had much influence in securing, as the first president, Rev. Z. S. Moore, the President of Williams College, a warm personal friend in whose education he had manifested a special interest.

Col. Thompson, like others of the Brimfield family of Thompsons, was a man of remarkable energy of both body and mind. Even in extreme old age, when more than 91 years old, he performed, unattended and apparently without fatigue, a journey of over 2,000 miles to and through the West.

He was also a man of unbending integrity and Christian principle and character. Every one knew where to find Col. Samuel Thompson on all moral questions, and no one doubted his honesty.

Though he never had any children of his own, he took great interest in bringing up the children of others, and in his old age he used often playfully to speak of his numerous sons and daughters.

The following is the inscription upon his monumental stone in the cemetery at Amherst, Mass.

"SAMUEL THOMPSON,
BORN IN BRIMFIELD, MAY 9,* 1760,
CONNECTED WITH THE ARMY OF THE REVOLUTION,
LIVED NEARLY 40 YEARS IN WILMINGTON, VT.,
IN AMHERST, 36 YEARS,
DIED APRIL 5, 1859, Æ. 99.
Generous, public spirited,
A lover of Hospitality,
A lover of Good men."

Asenath, the wife of Col. Samuel Thompson, d. Sept. 8, 1848, 84 years.

219. LIEUT. AMHERST,[6] THOMPSON (*Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Mass., May 20, 1762. Like many others of the Brimfield Thompsons, he was highly patriotic, and, young as he was, he joined the army of the Revolution during the war. He was aid to his father, Col. Joseph Thompson, who for some time in the memorable conflict was stationed on the Hudson River. A writer in the recent history of Berkshire County has the following in regard to him; "The writer remembers him as an old soldier, and he has heard him tell his trials, — one of thirst, during a long march, when, following the horses through a muddy pool, he scooped up the water in his hat and strained it through his teeth, as they were hurried onward, thinking it at the time the best water he ever drank."

Amherst[6] Thompson m. Sarah Clarke and settled in Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass., where he was highly esteemed as a man, a citizen, and a Christian. He was admitted a member of the Congregational Church in

* May 3, 1760. Records.

that town in 1799, his wife uniting at the same time. He died in his mountain home at Peru, March 21, 1857, aged 95 years, and his wife, Jan. 15, 1852, aged 85 years.

They had ten children, as follows:

379. i. Sally,[7] b. July 3, 1788.
380. ii. Joseph,[7] b. June 4, 1790; m. Hannah Payne, April 16, 1817; d. 1827.
381. iii. Sherman,[7] b. March 5, 1792; d. April, 1792.
382. iv. Nabby,[7] b. May 4, 1794.
383. v. Amherst,[7] b. Feb. 2, 1796; m. Susan D. Lord of Saybrook, Ct.
384. vi. Almira,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1798.
385. vii. Smith,[7] b. Nov. 27, 1800; m. Hannah P. Thompson, May 3, 1830.
386. viii. John,[7] b. Nov. 27, 1802; m. Electa Ferris, Feb., 1829.
387. ix. Lavinia,[7] b. Oct. 15, 1806.
388. x. Angeline,[7] b. March 25, 1808; m. Samuel Hedge of Montreal, Can., 1835.

220. ARTEMAS[6] THOMPSON, (*Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Mass., Oct. 27, 1764; m. Hepsy Leland and settled in that part of the old town of Partridgefield in Berkshire County which became Hinsdale, the present town of Peru, the home of his brother, Amherst, being another part of the original town. In this town he spent many years, and was, in various ways, a man of considerable note and influence. He was often on committees, was town assessor for some time, was constable, and also town clerk. Some time after the death of his wife, Feb. 26, 1826, he removed to New Lebanon, N. Y., and there spent his declining years, dying Oct. 8, 1837.

The children of Artemas and Hepsy (Leland) Thompson, seven in number, were all born in Hinsdale:

389. i. Dolly,[7] b. May 30, 1798; d. Oct. 7, 1799.
390. ii. Artemas,[7] b. Oct. 12, 1800; m. Fanny Dickinson, Jan. 18, 1823.
391. iii. Altemira,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1803; d. Jan. 8, 1805.
392. iv. Aaron Eaton,[7] b. Oct. 23, 1805; d. July 25, 1823, at Plainfield.
393. v. Dolly S.,[7] b. June 3, 1808; m. 1, Alexander Stephenson, 2, Amos H. Brown.

394. vi. John L. S.[7] b. Sept. 15, 1811; m. Mary G. Nash, Sept. 1833.
395. vii. Harriet B.[7] b. Aug. 17, 1817; m. Philip Cornell, Jan. 3, 1837, New Lebanon, N. Y.

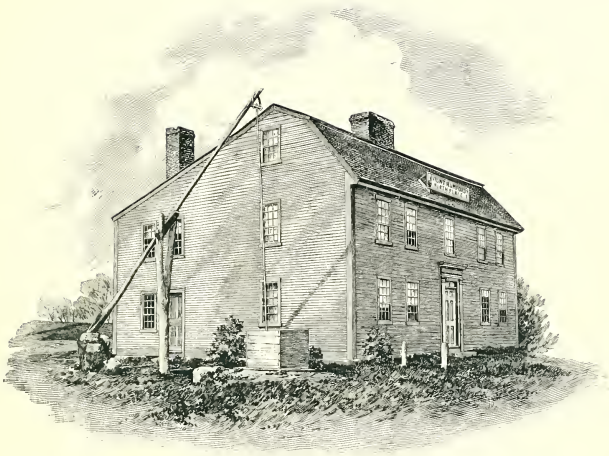
Artemas[6] Thompson is said to have been thrice married, the names of the last two wives, not mentioned above, being Dolly Stephens and Rebecca Knight, but no dates and no definite statements can here be given. It does not appear that either had children.

Aaron Eaton Thompson, who died when nearly eighteen years of age, is said to have been a young man of unusual promise, and was a member of college.

223. Benjamin[6] Thompson, better known as Count Rumford, (*Benjamin*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in the north village of Woburn, March 26, 1753,

The important facts connected with the eventful life of Benjamin Thompson have been so fully and so often given in numberless papers, in numerous monthly and quarterly reviews and magazines, and in three or four memoirs published in this country, in England, and in France, that it verges upon presumption to *attempt* to say anything that has not already been said. But little more can be done than reiterate, in a condensed form, what must be familiar to the reading, and especially to the scientific, world.

When a year and a half old, Benjamin Thompson was left an orphan by the death of his father. About fourteen months after this death his mother married, Jan. 15, 1756, Lieut. Josiah Pierce, or, as he was often called, Josiah Pierce, Jr., the boy accompanying the mother to her new home in another part of the same village. At a suitable age he was sent to the famous grammar school in the town taught by the celebrated "Master Fowle," a graduate from Harvard College; and, subsequently, to a popular school in Medford. Still later, he was apprenticed to an importer of British goods at Salem, and later still, was for a short time a clerk in a



BIRTHPLACE OF BENJAMIN THOMPSON (BETTER KNOWN AS COUNT RUMFORD).

dry goods store in Boston, where he was when the great "massacre" occurred. But, as he lacked taste for such employment, and business was seriously embarrassed by the existing and threatening troubles of the times, he left Boston also, and, though still young, engaged in the study of medicine with Dr. Hay, then of Woburn; meanwhile, in company with his friend and near neighbor, Loammi Baldwin, walking to and from Cambridge, in order to attend scientific lectures at Harvard College. He at length became a teacher, first in Wilmington, then in Bradford, and then in a more permanent and lucrative position in Concord, N. H., then a part of Essex Co., Mass., once known as Penacook, but at this time as Rumford. Here began his more public and noticeable life. Here he married the widow of Benjamin Rolfe, a wealthy lawyer, and while residing here he was introduced to Gov. Wentworth, — an event which led to that series of difficulties and troubles which issued in his leaving his native country.

It is, perhaps, inevitable in the experience of every great man, especially if he has much public notoriety, that there will be said and written concerning him much that has no foundation, or but a partial foundation in truth. Such certainly was the experience of Benjamin Thompson. The present writer was born and grew to manhood in the same village which was the first home of this distinguished man; was related to the family which he claimed as his own; well remembers the excited language of the men who, in their earlier life, participated in the stirring scenes that immediately preceded the American Revolution, and inherited all the prejudices of those who, in their praiseworthy patriotism, denounced their old neighbor and friend as wanting in that virtue. It is not his purpose now to say that *they* were wholly wrong and *he* wholly right; but having for many years been accustomed to read every volume and review and paper accessible to him in several of our

best libraries, and having thoroughly investigated old records, public and private, bearing upon the subject, he has been constrained to feel and to say that the man who was the object of that furious storm of persecution on the eve of the Revolution, was wronged, perhaps unwittingly, but nevertheless wronged. We well remember how it was on the eve of the late war of the Rebellion. Men who differed had but little patience with each other, and in their zeal, well-meant it may be, gave utterance sometimes to words which would be fearfully startling now. Undoubtedly it was so to even a greater extent on the eve of the Revolution.

It was doubtless the misfortune of Benjamin Thompson, a popular young man of magnificent appearance and shining abilities, that he made the acquaintance of the provincial Gov. Wentworth. Wentworth was even more captivated by his splendid and courtly aspect than others had been, and it was with his handsome face and figure equipped in the brilliant uniform and mounted upon the fine horse of a military officer, in his mind's eye, that he had the fatal temerity to appoint him, over the heads of other officers of age and experience, to an important vacancy in the Second Provincial Regiment of New Hampshire. It was a great and foolish mistake on the part of the governor to give a young man without military education or experience such a commission. It was a still greater mistake in the young man to yield to the strong temptation to accept the office. The veteran officers over whose heads he had been so suddenly and so unexpectedly promoted from the plain life of a civilian were exceedingly angry, as was to be expected, and they left no stone unturned in their crusade against him. They pursued him from Portsmouth to Concord, and so turned the tide of feeling there as to excite the people to a mob, and oblige him to flee to Woburn. They still pursued him to Woburn, and stirred up even his old neighbors and kindred against

him. They charged him with disloyalty to his native country and with acting as a spy. They threatened him with violence, and lost no opportunity for insulting and abusing him. He demanded a trial, but, though twice tried and twice acquitted, they were not appeased. In the most solemn manner he declared his entire innocence in the matter of disloyalty to his native land, but it made no difference. He offered his services to the patriot army, but his enemies interposed their veto. Meanwhile his old friend and fellow-student, Col. L. Baldwin, himself one of the most ardent of patriots and a popular officer in the patriot army, believed in his innocence and protected him from violence. But the persistent and unreasoning hostility of his enemies was at last too much for his wounded pride, and so stung his consciousness of love for his country, that in the hot impulses of a naturally proud spirit he embraced an opportunity to leave a land which he honestly thought to be both ungrateful and cruel. From our quiet standpoint, at the distance of more than one hundred years, we have no doubt it would have been better if he had quietly outlived the storm and patiently awaited his time for vindication. But it is not easy to say just what we would have done if in his place. We can see that *his* mistake was the mistake of a proud, somewhat vain, very impulsive, and yet, in the main, well-meaning *young man*, and it is by no means certain that we, in like circumstances, would have done differently.

But it is not true, as has been often and loosely affirmed, that Benjamin Thompson lost his interest in his family and his love for his country. Some of the tenderest and most touching letters ever written were written by him to his mother and to his family, still in Concord, who believed in his integrity. Some of these letters have never yet been printed. Others, directed to or through his faithful and life-long friend, Col. Baldwin, after the lapse of nearly a century, appeared in the

admirable "Life of Count Rumford," by Dr. Ellis. Moreover, the interest he took in his daughter, the provision he made for his mother, the bestowal of thousands of dollars from his property for educational and charitable purposes in his native Massachusetts, his valuable gifts even to our nation, and the ultimate negotiations, through Col. Baldwin, with reference to a contemplated return to his native land and a home in the vicinity of Boston, all conclusively show that he did *not* lose his love either for his relatives, or for the home of his immediate ancestry. Had not the death, first of Col. Baldwin and then of himself, come too soon for the accomplishment of his cherished plan, there is reason to believe that he would have closed his eventful life as a loyal citizen of the United States and of his native Commonwealth. And the fact that the United States government, through its ambassador, Hon. Rufus King, then resident in London, formally invited him to return, assured him of its confidence in his loyalty and great ability, and offered him the very responsible position of superintendent of the proposed American Military Academy and of inspector-general of artillery, fully corroborates the conclusion that any unprejudiced reader of the correspondence of Count Rumford would reach independently.

In his correspondence with Col. Pickering, secretary of state in 1798, the year before the invitation to return, Mr. King says of the count, whom he often met and familiarly knew in England, "He proposes to return and establish himself at or near Cambridge. He possesses an extensive military library, and assures me that he wishes nothing more than to be useful to *our country*. — I am persuaded that his principles are good,— and I am convinced that his *political* sentiments are correct."

Though, to the mutual regret of the parties concerned, the count was not able to accept the invitation of our government, he gave, in order to assist in the equipment

of the Military Academy, some of his very valuable models and drawings, and offered to give his whole exceedingly rich collection of military books, plans, drawings, and models, provided they would be acceptable. We find accordingly in his will the following :

"I give and bequeath to the Government of the United States of North America all my Books, Plans, and Designs relating to Military affairs, to be deposited in the Library, or in the Museum of the Military Academy of the United States, as soon as an Academy of this nature shall have been established in the United States."

The proofs of Count Rumford's philanthropic usefulness are, like his offices and badges of honor, too numerous to be given in detail. Both in England and on the Continent he was held in the highest esteem for the broad and wise plans for the amelioration of the condition of the poor which he devised and executed. In Munich especially, where beggary had been reduced to system and become an intolerable curse, he received from all classes multiplied tokens of the most grateful regard for those acts of disinterested benevolence. But nothing so deeply moved him or was so tenderly cherished in his memory, as that scene when, on an occasion of his dangerous illness, the poor of Munich went publicly in a body and in procession to the cathedral, and offered public prayers for his recovery. On another similar occasion four years afterwards, learning that he was again seriously ill in Naples, they set apart one hour each evening, after their daily tasks, to *pray for him.* On his return to Munich, after an absence of fifteen months, they gave him a most affecting reception, and subsequently, no less than eighteen hundred of poor people of all ages met him in the English Garden, which his own skill and taste had laid out where before was an unhealthy marsh, and publicly did him honor.

Such testimonies as these were more valuable than all his military honors, all his scientific *éclat*, his diplo-

mas of knighthood in England and in Poland, and his decoration as a Count of the Holy Roman Empire, and there is reason to believe that he so regarded them himself.

In view of such evidences of his benevolent instincts, how weak and how unjust are the old charges that he was supremely selfish and devoid of all sentiments of honor; that he wantonly deserted his wife, and, while she was yet living, married another woman; that he was coarse and cruel and implacable, sometimes inhuman, and always a tyrant! We cannot undertake the needless task of answering such charges in detail. Only one, which, so far as known to the writer, has not been formally answered, will be here noticed. Of the accusation that he married his second wife before the death of his first, it may be said that, by the law of France, he was *required* to procure a certificate, signed by the proper authority, of his first wife's decease before he *could* marry again; and further, that the records of Concord give the date of her death as Jan. 19, 1792, while the register of Paris gives the date of his second marriage as Oct. 24, 1805. Of course, he was a widower between thirteen and fourteen years.

That Count Rumford had faults is beyond question. It is far from the design of this notice of him to deny, or excuse, or palliate them. But it is a singular fact that his *real* faults are those about which far less has been said than those which are merely traditional, or mythical, and often the very opposites of the truth.

It was with a simple desire to do justice to Count Rumford's transcendent abilities as a scientist, in the estimation of the greatest living scientist of our own times, second to none, living or dead, and to his marked usefulness as one of the greatest philanthropists of his age, and not at all to extol his merits or demerits as a mere man, that the Rumford Historical Association was organized in 1877. In the purchase of the house in

which he was born, in making it the depository of a respectable library called by his name, and of whatever illustrates his scientific career, the times in which he lived, and the men with whom he was associated, the members of the Association have had abundant evidence that they have in view an object worthy of their historic tastes and of their enduring interest.

Benjamin[6] Thompson m. Sarah, the widow of Benjamin Rolfe, Esq., and daughter of Rev. Timothy Walker of Concord, N. H., Nov., 1772.* Both her parents were natives of Woburn, as well as her second husband. As the Walkers and Thompsons of Woburn had been before this, as repeatedly since, interlinked by marriage, the parties in this alliance could hardly have been without some knowledge of each other's antecedents. The young widow, again a wife, received from her first husband a large amount of property, and the newly married pair lived considerably above the usual style of country life in Concord.

They had one child :

396. i. Sarah,[7] b. Oct. 18, 1774.

Sarah Thompson was less than one year old when the troubles, already noticed, led to the separation, enforced and very reluctant, as he declared, of the husband and father from the wife and the child. The child remained in the care of the mother until the death of the latter, Jan. 19, 1792, and, subsequently, when grown to womanhood, accepted an invitation from her father to rejoin him in Europe, where she shared his honors both in London and on the Continent, received her title as countess and her pension, both of which she enjoyed to the close of her life. Meanwhile, her father married the widow of Gen. Anthony Lawrence Lavoisier at Paris, Oct. 24, 1805, but, the marriage soon proving unhappy, he retired to the villa of Auteuil, within the

*F. M. Colby, in the *Granite Monthly* for June, 1881, by what authority the present writer knows not, gives the date of the marriage, Dec. 25, 1772.

walls, but removed from the bustle and noise, of the great city. And here he died Aug. 21, 1814. The countess, after a continued residence of several years in Paris and in London, returned at length to her old home in Concord, where she spent her last years and where she died, unmarried, Dec. 2, 1852. In her will she left fifteen thousand dollars, and her homestead, worth five thousand, for the endowment of an institution for the widows and orphans of Concord, the homestead to be the site of the institution. To the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane in Concord, she left fifteen thousand dollars; to the Concord Female Charitable Society, who have under their care a school for poor children, called the Rumford School, she left two thousand, and the remainder of her property, estimated at from seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars, she gave to two distant relatives.

Since the foregoing was written, the following interesting account of the Rolfe and Rumford Asylum, founded by the countess, has been received from Hon. Joseph B. Walker of Concord, N. H., a trustee and the president of the institution. It appeared in the *Concord Monitor* for Oct. 15, 1886. The present writer, having visited every room here described and witnessed the school in its everyday life, can heartily attest to the exact accuracy of the description.

THE ROLFE AND RUMFORD ASYLUM.

THE BENEFACTION OF COUNTESS SARAH RUMFORD, AND WHAT IT IS ACCOMPLISHING.

Just south of this city, sufficiently near to be a part of it, and distant enough to miss the turmoil of its busy streets and the hum of its industries, stands a noble, old-fashioned mansion, whose ancient architecture would make it an object of interest to the passer-by, even without the majestic elms which give the place a beauty and peaceful dignity unsurpassed by any of the historic mansions of New Hampshire. He whose interest induces him to enter the well-kept grounds, and walk up the neat concrete

walk to the front entrance, will find over the door, in modest gilt letters, the words "Rolfe and Rumford Asylum." A tap on the old-fashioned brass knocker brings to the door the comely principal, Mrs. Eliza M. Robinson, who is at all times pleased to receive visitors and to show them over the establishment. It will then be learned that a new part, of large dimensions and modern style, has been built in the rear of the old building, to which it is joined in the manner of an ordinary L, and that the whole is devoted to the bringing up and educating of female children who are natives of Concord.

The old mansion was erected in 1764, by Col. Benjamin Rolfe, one of Concord's earliest citizens, whose widow afterwards married the Count of Rumford. The property finally descended to Countess Sarah Rumford, by whom the present institution was founded by will, her death occurring in 1852. By that will she left for the Asylum the old mansion, with about 15 acres of land, and a cash endowment of $15,000. The latter sum, being deemed insufficient for the support of the institution, was allowed to remain on interest until 1880, when the Asylum was started on its career. The fund is now well on toward $100,000, and is ample for all the requirements of the institution.

As early as 1882 it became apparent that the old mansion would not furnish accommodations for as many beneficiaries as the amount of the fund warranted the trustees in taking, and it was determined to erect an addition sufficiently roomy to make another enlargement unnecessary for years to come. In accordance with this decision the new part already mentioned has been built, and more than fulfils the expectations of the trustees. The exterior of the new part is in striking contrast with the old. Its two stories are supplemented with a mansard roof, which, with its four paned windows, and other modern appurtenances, gives the mansion the appearance of being much older than it really is.

Both parts are painted a modest shade, and are kept in the best possible repair, while the lawns are as smooth as a parlor floor. The walks have been lately concreted, and protected with cut granite edgestones, thus adding to the neat and attractive appearance of the grounds. The old mansion is about 40 by 30 feet, two stories in height, and the new part 42 by 37 feet, two stories in height, with a mansard roof.

The interior of the buildings is arranged in an excellent manner, light, ventilation, and convenience being the main objects sought. On the first floor, the front room at the left of the main entrance is Mrs. Robinson's reception room, while the corresponding room on the right is called "the children's room," and is used by them as a sort of general sitting room. Back of the reception room is the work room, and back of the children's room is a large and handsome dining room. These are all in the old building. On the first floor of the new part is the school room, which has desks for 25 children, a cabinet organ, and a generous supply of globes,

maps, and other apparatus. The remainder of this floor of the new part is used as a kitchen, pantry, and store room. The kitchen is 23 by 15 feet, while the pantry and store room are very large, and fully equipped.

The basement is reached from the kitchen, and contains a laundry, bath room, boiler for steam heating, and coal bins, beside much room for storage. The laundry is provided with three set tubs and a set boiler. The pipe connecting the laundry with the sewer is fitted with an automatic gate, or trap, which effectually prevents the waste water from backing up into the basement in case of floods. The sewer empties into the Merrimack river, and furnishes a perfect outlet for water closets, sinks, and laundry.

The second floor is devoted wholly to dormitories, with the exception of one room, which is reserved as a hospital. On this floor are rooms of Mrs. Robinson, and the assistant, Miss Dupee, the former at the front of the old building, and the latter in the new part. The rooms occupied by the children are furnished with iron bedsteads, on which are woven wire and hair mattresses. The bedding is scrupulously neat and clean, and each child is taught to make her own bed in a proper manner. There are water closets and a bath room on this floor, and a faucet from which water is drawn for lavatory purposes is located in a small closet designed for the purpose. One of the bedrooms on this floor is set apart for a guest chamber.

The apartments on the third floors of both new and old parts are for the most part used for bedrooms, although those in the old are not occupied at present. One large room is set apart as a store room for children's playthings, and looks very much like a toy shop. From the room at the southeast corner of the new part, one of the finest views in Concord may be obtained, and it is particularly beautiful now that the trees have put on their coat of many colors. The entire building is heated by steam, and every room can be comfortably warmed. Nearly ten per cent of the new part is devoted to closet room.

The accommodations are ample for 25 girls, although there are but 12 now in the institution. They are taken at the age of two years, those without mothers being given the preference, and are kept until they are 18, when they are provided with homes in some good family. Three girls were thus cared for during the past year. They are given a common school education, the school being in session from 9 A. M. until 12 M., five days in the week, with the exception of a long summer vacation; they are instructed in sewing from 2.30 until 4.30 P. M., daily, and all are obliged to take turns in doing general housework, cooking, etc. Bread, made by girls 13 years of age, is exhibited, which cannot be surpassed for lightness and general excellence.

The general management of the institution is in the hands of a board of five trustees, as follows: Joseph B. Walker, Enoch Gerrish, Samuel S.

Kimball, Jesse P. Bancroft, and Francis A. Fisk. Joseph B. Walker is president, Enoch Gerrish secretary, and Samuel S. Kimball treasurer. It is under the more immediate supervision of a board of visitors, now composed of Mrs. John H. Stewart, Mrs. Francis A. Fisk, Mrs. Jesse P. Bancroft, Mrs. Enoch Gerrish, and Mrs. Joseph B. Walker.

The care of the inmates is in the hands of Mrs. Eliza M. Robinson, principal, and Miss Emma Dupee, assistant. The former acts as instructor in the school room, the sewing room, and in the care of the house, and the latter renders assistance wherever it is required. Both discharge the duties of their positions in a faithful and able manner. In their charge the children appear happy and contented, and will undoubtedly be so trained as to become useful and respected women.

224. Ebenezer[6] Thompson (*Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Nov, 5, 1767. Unlike most of his ancestors, he chose to be a mechanic. The following account of him, written by his son, Ebenezer R. Thompson, gives the more important details of his life:

"He was apprenticed for seven years to Amos Warren of Medford, to learn the trade of a tanner and shoemaker, and in the twenty-second year of his age, 1789, he m. Rhoda Wyman of Woburn, who lived but a few months. In Feb., 1794, he married Rhoda Putnam of Medford, a daughter of Eleazer Putnam, a relative of Maj. Gen. Israel Putnam. Previous to this second marriage, he had settled in Menotomy, a village of Cambridge, now called Arlington. Here he carried on extensively the manufacture of what were called 'fishing boots,' a very heavy, long boot, exclusively for fishermen engaged in the Newfoundland fishing trade. He acquired a good estate, as well as a character of unblemished integrity. For several years he was captain of a cavalry company that dated its organization from before the Revolution. It was the rival 'Light Horse' company of the State, always invited for an escort on any grand state or national parades. He was also an officer in the Lodge of Ancient Free Masons called 'Hiram Lodge,' at Lexington, Mass., organized long before the Revolution.

"He was a man of great kindness and benevolence of heart, ever ready to relieve the wants and distress of his fellow-men. His father dying at Woburn in 1812, and leaving a valuable farming property, he was executor and administrator of the estate, and in the final settlement was far more liberal to the other heirs than to himself.

"Soon after the Declaration of War, June 18, 1812, he received, unasked, from the president of the United States, the appointment of captain, to take rank from July 6, 1812, in the Ninth Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and was at once called to open a rendezvous at Boston and other places for the enlistment of recruits, in which service he was very successful. In the spring of 1813, he was ordered to proceed to Sackett's Harbor, in charge of some hundreds of recruits to be mustered into the different regiments. Having reported his command to the commanding officer at the harbor, he was ordered to join his regiment there in station. At this time a malignant fever and dysentery prevailed among the troops. He was attacked with these diseases most violently, and for several weeks his life was despaired of. He, however, recovered so as to be able to be removed home. The effects of the sickness being such as to render him unfit for field service, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and he was honorably discharged from the army in 1814.

"Having now sold his homestead in Cambridge, he rented a farm and tavern stand in Burlington, a few miles distant, where he continued until just before removing to York State in 1817–1818, to the town of Madison. He there continued in the business of farming, returning to the occupation of his fathers from their earliest settlement at Charlestown and Woburn. In 1828 he removed to Rome, Oneida County. About the year 1833 he purchased a small farm at Verona, five miles from Rome.

"On the organization of the 'Corps of Veterans of the War of 1812' of the State of New York, he was appointed colonel, and as such received his commission from General van Rensalaer, general-in-chief.

"During his residence at Rome, he and his wife became members of the First Baptist Church in that town.

"In 1852, he received from the U. S. Government, under a law of Congress of 1818, as additional remuneration for services in the war of 1812, a land warrant for 160 acres of land. He died at Verona, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1860, in the 94th year of his age. His wife, Rhoda (Putnam) Thompson, died Nov. 27, 1864, aged 90 years."

Ebenezer[6] and Rhoda (Putnam) Thompson had six children:

397. i. Ebenezer Rumford,[7] b. March 5, 1795; m. Eunice M. Draper.
398. ii. Hannah Locke,[7] b. March 22, 1797; m. James Barker.
399. iii. A twin sister[7] of Hannah L., b. March 22, 1797; d. in infancy.
400. iv. Clarinda Montrose,[7] b. Oct. 18, 1803; m. Dr. John Gray.
401. v. Adaline Amanda,[7] b. Jan. 12, 1809; m. Lorenzo R. Covell.
402. vi. An infant,[7] b. ———; d. in infancy.

Of the daughters of Ebenezer and Rhoda P. Thompson, Hannah Locke[7] m. Capt. James Barker of Madison, N. Y., May 22, 1823, and had three children, all daughters. She d. Jan. 28, 1877, in her 80th year. Capt. Barker d. Sept. 6, 1864, aged 65.

Clarinda M.[7] m. Dr. John Gray at Madison, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1825, and removed to Illinois, and thence, later, to Darlington, Wis. They have two sons and one daughter. The oldest son, Hamilton H., m. Harriet Peet, daughter of Rev. John Peet of Beloit, and resides at Darlington, Wis. He is by profession a lawyer, has been repeatedly a member of the House of Representatives of Wisconsin, and also a State Senator.

James B., the younger son of Dr. John and Clarinda M. Gray, m. Emma Ansley of Mineral Point, Wis. Like

his brother he was a lawyer, has been a member of the House of Representatives, and U. S. collector of the Northern District of Wisconsin. He d. off the coast of Florida in 1864, leaving one son, Ansley, a lawyer in Milwaukee, Wis., and one daughter.

Adaline A.,[7] the youngest daughter of Ebenezer and Rhoda P. Thompson, m. Lorenzo R. Covell, June 13, 1830, at Rome, N. Y., and resides at Verona. They have four children, all daughters.

225. Sewall[6] Thompson (*Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, June 6, 1769, and early became a sailor. The vessel on which he was known to have last embarked was lost, or supposed to have been lost, with all on board, during a severe storm which arose in a few days after leaving port. Nothing was ever heard of him. He m. Sally Trask of Gloucester, Mass., and left two children :

403. i. Rhoda,[7] b. Dec. 24, 1792; d. at Charlestown about 1804.
404. ii. Sewall,[7] b. about 1794; d. in North Carolina about 1819.

The late Ebenezer R. Thompson, Esq., of Dunkirk, N. Y., wrote some years ago of this only son of his uncle, Sewall : " Like his father, he became a sailor, and was owner and master of a vessel. He d. of a fever in the State of North Carolina at the age of 25. He was a promising young man." For some time before his entrance upon a seafaring life, he was a member of Phillips Academy at Andover.

227. Benjamin[6] Thompson (*Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Nov. 15, 1774. Like others of the first, second, and third generations of the descendants of Ebenezer,[4] he was born in the house known for many years as the Rumford House, in the north village of the town, and still standing. He was early a member of the old academy in Charlestown. He had a great fondness for study and was a great reader. Hav-

ing acquired a knowledge of civil engineering, he went to Frankfort, Me., then a wilderness without roads, in 1796, and laid out the town, engaging also in trading in wood and bark. To his business as surveyor he added that of a merchant. He was also a teacher in the town which he had adopted. During the war of 1812, he was first selectman of Frankfort, and was at one time confined on board an English ship several days for refusing to give up the town papers, to the officers of his Majesty, the King of England.

Benjamin[6] Thompson m. in 1800 Olive Oakman, dau. of Capt. Tobias and Olive Oakman. She was b. in Mansfield, Mass., June 27, 1872, but, the family removing to Frankfort, she was m. there. Her brothers made themselves famous in the Revolution as captains of privateers. She d. at Frankfort, March 24, 1858. Her husband d. also at Frankfort, March 5, 1867, highly respected, in his 93rd year, having lived to see the fourth generation of his descendants. They had ten children :

405. i. Olive[7] b. Dec. 10, 1802; m. Abel Chandler, and d. Oct. 28, 1872.
406. ii. Luther[7] b. Aug. ——— 1804; m. Deborah Rich, 1829; d. Aug. 23, 1837.
407. iii. Tobias Oakman,[7] b. Oct. 3, 1806; m. Lydia Hatch, Aug. 28, 1838.
408. iv. Benjamin,[7] b. Oct. 20, 1808; d. at sea, Dec. 6, 1831.
409. v. William,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1810; m. Abigail Couillard, 1834.
410. vi. Adeline,[7] b. July 3, 1813; m. James Johnson.
411. vii. Hiram,[7] b. March 4, 1815. Lost at sea, Dec. 6, 1831.
412. viii. Maria,[7] b. March 17, 1818; m. Otis Raler, 1837.
413. ix. Hannah,[7] b. Oct. ——— 1821; m. Chandler Merrill, 1839.
414. x. Eliza Ann,[7] b. Sept 20, 1824; d. July 31, 1826.

It is a remarkable fact that of the five sons of Benjamin[6] and Olive (Oakman) Thompson, all were seafaring men, two or three being masters of vessels, and four of them, with the wife of one, were lost at sea.

Of the daughters of Benjamin and Olive, also five in number, Olive m. Abel Chandler, and had George, b. July, 1840, who m. Helen P. Emerton of Bucksport, Jan.

25, 1863, and has had children: 1, Annie B. b. July 29, 1865; 2, William Thompson, b. Nov. 25, 1867; 3, Helen M., b. July 3, 1870; 4, George P., b. July 10, 1872, d. 1880; 5, Louis H., b. Feb. 9, 1877.

Adeline, the second daughter, m. James Johnson, and had Ellen, b. 1839, and Augusta, b. 1850. Ellen m. Charles Hooper, 1865, and had 1, Harry, b. 1867, and 2, Adeline, b. 1870. Mrs. Johnson and daughters reside in Lynn, Mass.

Maria, the third daughter, m. Otis Raler of Waldoboro, Me., 1837, and resides at Scarborough Beach, Me. Children, 1, Adeline, b. 1839; m. William Sawtell of Bangor, 1859, and has William, b. 1874. 2, James Otis, b. 1847; m. ———, resides in New York city. Author of "Job Tyler," "Railing the Pearl," etc. 3, John, b. 1852.

Hannah, the fourth daughter, m. Chandler Merrill, 1839, resides in Winterport, formerly Frankfort, Me. Children: 1, Laura, ———, m. Fred. S. Barnard, 1867, 2, Samuel, b. 1845, 4, Callie, b. 1850, 5, Chandler, b. 1853, 6, Albert, b. 1856, 7, Lewis, b. 1863.

223. Jonathan[6] Thompson, (*Samuel Esq.*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, April 26, 1760. He inherited a large amount of the patriotic spirit of his father, and numerous others of his kindred. On the morning of the memorable 19th of April, 1775, after the departure of his father and uncles for the scenes of battle at Lexington and Concord, he, though a few days under 15 years of age, was so fired with the common zeal in resisting the aggressions of the British troops, that he deliberately arranged to have a part in the uprising. Having on hand a small quantity of powder, and having succeeded in borrowing a musket, he secretly took the leaden weights of the scales, and, hastily changing their form into that of bullets at a neighbor's shop, he hurried away, armed and equipped and unknown to the family, for the field of strife. Partly from records,

and partly from reliable family tradition, is gathered the following account of his subsequent career on that eventful day:

On his arrival at Concord, the more direct fighting was past and the enemy were just starting on their retreat toward Boston. Noticing that the method of annoyance employed by his countrymen was that of gaining the head of the retreating columns, by a circuitous route, and then from a favorable position previously chosen, pouring their shot among the ranks, till all had passed, he did the same. In one of these circuits, to their mutual surprise, he met his father, who at once exclaimed, "Why, Jonathan, are *you* here! Well, take care of yourself. Your Uncle Daniel has been killed. Be prudent, my son, and take care of yourself." Father and son then each pursued his way. The son followed the retreating army seven or eight miles to Lexington, and thence five miles to West Cambridge, now Arlington, from which place he crossed over to Medford, where, with others, all of whom were excessively fatigued, he sought repose in a barn, reaching home safely early the following morning. He subsequently served a campaign as a fifer, and several more as a private. He was at Ticonderoga, and in Arnold's Flotilla on Lake Champlain, the vessel, during the action there, being run ashore to avoid a surrender, and the crew escaping into the neighboring forest, where, for three days, they dodged the Indians, and were without food. They at length escaped the pursuit by swimming a river (probably the Onion), across which, the day being cold, and the Indians having no canoe, their savage pursuers declined to follow them.

Jonathan Thompson was subsequently at Stillwater, at Saratoga, at the surrender of Burgoyne, White Plains, etc., serving in the army about three years. In later years he became captain of militia, and through all his subsequent life he was familiarly known as "Captain John."

He m. Aug. 9, 1781, Mary Richardson of Woburn, and for about two years lived in the town of Nelson, then called Packersfield, N. H. Returning to Woburn, he again found a home under the ancestral roof where he spent the remainder of his life, during the last years of which he received a pension for his services in the Revolution. Several shocks of paralysis deprived him of the power of speech, and, for a considerable time before his death, rendered him incapable of any kind of business. He d. Nov. 20, 1836. His wife, after surviving him many years, d. May 1, 1854.

They had eleven children :

415. i. Samuel,[7] b. Feb. 22, 1783; d. Sept. 13, 1802.
416. ii. Mary,[7] b. Feb. 25, 1785; d. Sept. 4, 1787.
417. iii. Jonathan,[7] b. April 24, 1787; m. Margery Fowle, 1808; d. May 30, 1855.
418. iv. Luke,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1789; m. Betsey Chamberlain, 1815; d. Nov. 13, 1856.
419. v. Mary,[7] b. Feb. 25, 1791; m. Benj. Wood, 1810; d. 1870.
420. vi. Cyrus,[7] b. March 10; m. Abigail Noble, 1816; d. May 26, 1873.
421. vii. Emily,[7] b. Jan. 28, 1795; d. unm. Dec. 10, 1860.
422. viii. Lydia,[7] b. March 29, 1798; m. Thaddeus Parker, Feb. 6, 1821; d. 1870.
423. ix. Abigail,[7] b. Aug. 23, 1800; m. Joshua Jones, 1824; d. Dec. 28, 1876.
424. x. Samuel,[7] b. Nov. 13, 1803; d. unm. Aug. 1, 1848.
425. xi. Albert,[7] b. May 13, 1808; m. Seviah B. Nichols, 1834; d. Dec. 31, 1874.

Of the daughters of Capt. Jonathan and Mary R. Thompson, three only m., two of whom had children. Mary m. Benjamin Wood of Woburn, Dec. 2, 1810, and had 1, Franklin, who d. in early manhood unm., 2, Mary who m. ——— Goss, and has children.

Abigail m. Joshua Jones of Wilmington, May 6, 1824. Lived in Charlestown. Had four children, 1, Abby, 2, Charles, 3, Emily, 4, Albert. Three are living and m.

Emily, though not m., is worthy of a special notice. Born in Jan., 1795, she lived, till her death in 1860, in the old homestead and was the faithful nurse of grand-

parents, parents, and brother. She was universally respected as a very intelligent and always consistent Christian. A local paper, after her death, contained the following brief notice :

"She had been an exemplary member of an Evangelical church for over forty years ; a faithful Sabbath school teacher ; a useful helper and sympathizing friend to many an afflicted one."

This entire family, though unusually large, was remarkable for their musical talent and taste. Nearly every member had a scientific acquaintance with music, and could read it at sight, long before such an ability was as common as it happily is now. Occasionally they had family gatherings for the purpose of singing, and all, grandparents, parents, and children, including sometimes one or more who were too young to speak plainly, joined in the songs.

234. LEONARD[6] THOMPSON (*Samuel,*[5] *Esq., Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Dec. 1, 1764; m. Esther Wyman of Woburn, Oct. 30, 1785. He lived for some time in Burlington, and there some of, if not all, his four children were born. He returned to Woburn at length, and there died, Sept. 6, 1819, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. His wife survived him many years, and d. Oct. 2, 1846, at the age of eighty.

Their children were : —

426. i. Leonard,[7] b. May 12, 1788; m. 1, Hannah Wyman. 2, Anna B. Mead.

427. ii. Rufus,[7] b. March 22, 1791 ; m. Submit Richardson, 1815.

428. iii. Esther,[7] b. April 20, 1795; m. Noah Eaton, 1811, d. Jan. 6, 1850.

429. iv. Joseph Burbeen,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1798; d. in New York, Jan. 26, 1826.

The only daughter of Leonard and Esther (Wyman) Thompson, bearing her mother's name, m. Noah Eaton, of Woburn, Nov. 21, 1811, and had six children.

1. Esther Thompson, b. Aug. 17, 1812; m. Asa C. Smith. Has three daughters.
2. Noah, b. Jan. 3, 1815; d. March 15, 1815.
3. Alfred, b. March 12, 1816; m. Rosanna (Nichols) Parks. No children.
4. Mary, b. Nov. 29, 1818; m. Charles Nichols. Two children, Josephine and Mary.
5. Abigail, b. April 5, 1821; m. Charles Tidd. Two daughters.
6. Cyrus Augustus, b. Dec. 13, 1821; m. Mary A. Jones. He d. May 29, 1864, a soldier in the army of the Rebellion, leaving two children, Josephine and Charles Sumner.

236. Isaac Snow[6] Thompson (*Daniel*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, June 28, 1761. He was but a little past fourteen years of age, the oldest of three children, when his father, Daniel Thompson, fell, a martyr on the first day of the American Revolution. When the still bleeding but lifeless body of the husband and father was brought from Lexington to the home he had left only a few hours before, full of life and energy, the mother and her children were nearly beside themselves with grief, The boy of fourteen, as soon as he could control himself, seems to have determined to have a hand in avenging the great wrong which had been done.

A distinguished grandson of the only sister of the patriotic youth, wrote, in 1884, "When a small boy visiting my grandmother at Baldwin, Me., (whither the smitten family had gone after leaving Woburn) I used to hear a good deal about Dr. Isaac, who was then remembered by many persons living. I have been told that when only fifteen years of age, the next year after his father fell at Lexington, he went to sea in an American privateer, and, being captured by a British cruiser, was imprisoned at Barbadoes, but made a remarkable escape, swimming three miles to a French vessel."

Another writer, connected with the same family, speaks of his long continued absence from home at this

time as a source of greatly increased trial to the afflicted family, and of his sufferings while in prison as being "all but death."

The following communication from the only surviving child of Dr. Thompson to a relative of the family, in 1875, and recently (1884) sent very kindly to me, is too interesting to be omitted or even abridged, though received since the above was mostly written.

WEST BALDWIN, MAINE, Oct. 3, 1875.

"*Dear Sir:* — You ask for a description of some particulars of my father. I have but a faint recollection of him, but give what I have been told. He was a man of small stature, dark complexion, pleasant address, a good intellect, and well educated; understood his profession, and, with a warm heart and ready hand, did all he could for the suffering.

"He studied medicine with Docts. W. and John Hay of Reading, Mass., now Wakefield.

"In infancy he was very small, was put into a quart measure; wore his mother's ring above his elbow when two weeks old. One of his first shoes was put into the museum in Boston; the other, retained by the family and on exhibition, was caught by a puppy and destroyed.

"In my father's younger days he wished to go a privateering. The ship he went in was taken and all hands made prisoners. The enemy having no provision, left them in Boston, after robbing them of all they had. My father retained only a shirt and pants. A kind gentleman gave him a coat, hat, shoes, and a pistereen to buy him a breakfast, before going to Woburn. His friend with him had twenty miles to walk, so he gave him the money.

"I think my father went to Standish in 1784 (1786?), then called Pearsontown. What his inducements were, I cannot tell, unless it was because there was no physician there, and Josiah Pierce, Esq., had settled or was about to settle in Baldwin, then called Flintstown.

SARAH H. T. BOWERS.

Soon after reaching his home in safety, the young hero of the foregoing narrative entered upon the study of medicine, as related, with Dr. Hay, then of Woburn, but subsequently of Reading, and early in life engaged in practice as a regular physician, settling in Standish, Me., where he remained till his death June 7, 1799. Like his father, he was a man of great vivacity and

energy and had a strongly poetic temperament. He was also full of kindness and generosity, and was always cheerful.

So far as the date may be inferred from imperfect records and somewhat conflicting accounts, Dr. Thompson was m. early in 1785, to Charlotte Hay, daughter of Dr. John Hay with whom he had studied his profession, the family being at this date in Reading. They had five children:

430. i. Charlotte,[7] b. May 2. 1786, at Reading; m. Dea. Joseph Richardson of Baldwin, Me; had eleven children, and d. Feb. 26, 1843.

431. ii. Daniel,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1787, at Standish, Me., m. Deborah Fitch; d. April 1, 1827.

432. iii. Phebe,[7] b. Oct. 4 (14?), 1789, at Standish, Me.; m. Ephraim Flint, 1806; d. Nov. 30, 1865.

433. iv. Sarah Hay,[7] b. June 9, 1792. at Standish, Me.; m. Wilder Bowers, 1816; d, July 26, 1886.

434. v. Frances,[7] b. March 17, 1795, at Standish; m. Abner Dow, and d, Sept. 30, 1873.

435. vi. John Hay,[7] b. May 2, 1797, at Standish, Me.; d. 1799.

The wife of Dr. Isaac S. Thompson, after his death, m. 2, Eleazer Flint of Baldwin, Me., and had three children:

1. Hepsibah, b. Sept. 20, 1805.
2. John, b. Nov. 1, 1807.
3. Eleazer, b. March 16, 1811. The last named alone was living May 1, 1884.

The four daughters of Dr. Isaac and Charlotte (Hay) Thompson, who married, were all women of great excellence, and all had highly respectable families. One, Sarah Hay,[7] who m. Wilder Bowers in 1816, was living, May, 1884, at the advanced age of ninety-two.

From Vinton's Richardson Memorial we learn that Charlotte,[7] the oldest daughter, m. Dea. Joseph Richardson of Baldwin, Me., a descendant from Samuel Richardson, one of the first settlers in Woburn, Mass. She was an active and devoted Christian, and the first Grammar School teacher in Baldwin. Of their eleven children,

1. Charlotte,[8] b. May 20, 1809; d. July 29, 1811.
2. Mary,[8] b. April 1, 1811; m. Rev. Elkanah Walker.
3. Joseph Carpenter,[8] b. March 3, 1813; graduate of Bowdoin College, 1840, was a very successful teacher, and d. unm. Sept. 26, 1846.
4. Daniel Thompson,[8] b. Aug. 8, 1815; graduate of Bowdoin College in 1841; m. Eliza Ann Sawyer.
5. Charlotte,[8] b. July 19. 1817; m. Joseph E. Smith.
6. Phebe Pierce,[8] b. July 30, 1819; m. Rev. John Haskell Merrill.
7. Samuel Stone,[8] b. April 21, 1821, a mining engineer in California.
8. Isaac Thompson,[8] b. Oct. 5, 1823; m, Maria Dunklee.
9. Ebenezer,[8] b. May 29, 1826; d. March 29, 1829.
10. John,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1828; d. unm. Feb. 27, 1848.
11. Persis Hannah,[8] b. April 2, 1831; d. Feb. 22, 1850.

Since the foregoing notice of Dr. Thompson was written, his last surviving daughter, the writer of the letter already given, has followed those who had gone before. Her character and career were so unusual that it is deemed peculiarly proper to introduce here the following obituary sent by a friend and relative of the family. The notice is believed to have first appeared in a paper published in Biddeford, Maine.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah Hay Thompson Bowers, born in Standish, June 9, 1792; died in Baldwin, July 26, 1886. With the passing away of this life is sundered another of the ties which bind the past to the present. Mrs. Bowers was in many respects a remarkable woman. Her father, Dr. Isaac Snow Thompson, dying in Standish in the prime of manhood, she went to live with her grandfather, Dr. John Hay, at South Reading, where she passed a considerable part of her childhood. After her mother's second marriage, with Eleazer Flint of Baldwin, she went there to live, attending school at Bridgton Academy and also at Fryeburg Academy where she graduated in 1815, being at the time of her death, and for many years prior, the oldest living graduate of that famous institution. She married Wilder Bowers of Billerica, Massachusetts. The young couple with brave hearts and willing hands settled in Baldwin, when it was but little else than a dense wilderness, commencing housekeeping in a log house at a time when there was but one frame house in the town. Here they made their home and reared their children, indulging in occasional visits to relatives and

friends in distant states, living an earnest and busy life until the death of Mr. Bowers which occurred in July, 1870, at the age of eighty-one.

Born before the death of Washington, she witnessed almost the entire life of the nation, reading with interest the account of the launching and successful trip of the first steamboat, and being at the full prime of life when the telegraph was invented and the first steam cars were used as a means of transportation.

She was the mother of thirteen children, nine of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and eight of whom are now living; viz.: Sarah T. Bowers, Nancy R. Bowers, and Arthur E. Bowers at the old homestead in Baldwin; Wilder T. Bowers and Mrs. Arabell Elwell of Lynn, Mass.; Alphonzo B. Bowers at San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Ellen F. Wedgewood at Cornish, Me., and Hon. Roscoe L. Bowers the present mayor of Saco.

The funeral services were held in the church at West Baldwin and were conducted by Rev. F. A. Noble, D.D., of Chicago, a native of Baldwin who chanced to visit the place of his birth on that day, after an absence of thirty years.

Dr. Noble was a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Bowers during his school-boy days, and received many an encouraging word from her while struggling to obtain an education.

The eloquent preacher paid a most feeling tribute to the noble life and the courteous, Christian character of the friend of his early years. The casket was profusely trimmed with lovely flowers, and appropriate hymns were rendered by a select choir.

Thus has passed away this Christian woman, honored and beloved by many relatives and friends who are scattered through nearly every State in the Union, and who bear most pleasant memories of the graceful manner in which she dispensed a generous hospitality in her picturesque home among the hills.

Her noble, full-rounded life, guided by Christian principle and a well balanced and cultivated mind, will be an influence for good for many years to come.

239. DANIEL[6] THOMPSON (*Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Aug. 13, 1765. He was in his tenth year when the sad death of his father in the conflict of Lexington and Concord left him an orphan. Though deeply moved by that event, he was too young to realize fully his loss. At the age of twenty-four, he m. Rebecca Parker of Malden. After a residence of several years in Charlestown, where his oldest children were born, he removed to Berlin, Vt., just across

the Onion river from Montpelier. There he settled as a farmer, lived a quiet life, and, respected as a man and a citizen, d. Jan. 28, 1849, in the 84th year of his age.

The children of Daniel and Rebecca Parker Thompson, six in number, were :

436. i. Fanny,[7] b. Dec. 26, 1790; m. William Perrin, Nov., 1815; d. Aug. 28, 1871.
437. ii. Charlotte,[7] b. Nov. 19, 1792 ; d. Aug. 23, 1793.
438. iii. Daniel Pierce,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1795; m. E. K. Robinson, 1831 ; d. June 6, 1868.
439. iv. Rebecca Parker,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1797 ; m. James Fisk, 1834; d. July, 3. 1881.
440. v. Joseph Warren,[7] Dec. 13, 1802; m. 1, F. Wheeler, 2, A. J. Rolph; d. Oct. 23, 1870.
441. vi. Elizabeth Cheever,[7] b. Sept. 2, 1809; m. Oren Wheaton, Feb. 4, 1841.

Of the daughters of Daniel[6] and Rebecca (Parker) Thompson:

Rebecca Parker,[7] m. James Fisk, Nov. 25, 1834, had one son, Orville Thompson, b. at Irasburg, Vt., Nov., 1836; m. in 1862, Salome Bickford, and has two sons and four daughters. He is a farmer, and lives in Wayne, Minn.

Elizabeth Cheever,[7] m. Owen Wheaton, Feb. 4, 1841, lives in Barre, Vt., and has 1, Pliny Oren,[8] b. June 8, 1842 in Barre, m. Harriet R. Barnes, Sept., 1869, is a farmer and dealer in granite, at Barre, and has two daughters.

2. Daniel Thompson,[8] b. Jan. 21, 1845, in Barre, grad. Dartmouth College, 1869; m. Wilhemina Parson, March 15, 1880, is a civil engineer in Morris, Minn., and has one daughter, Mary Louisa,[9] b. March 14, 1881.
3. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. Feb. 24, 1855, in Barre; m. Malcolm Crockett, Feb. 8, 1880 ; a farmer in Gretton, Ohio. Has one daughter, Alice Elizabeth,[9] b. May 4, 1881.
4. Helen,[8] b. Nov. 4, 1862, in Barre.

240. Major Abijah[6] Thompson (*"Shériff" Abijah,[5] Samuel,[4] Jonathan,[3] Jonathan,[2] James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Oct. 24, 1768, and always resided in the North Village, till his death, Oct. 27, 1820. Besides following his regular trade, which was that of a blacksmith, he kept for a con-

siderable time the village store. He was also interested in military affairs, and was for some time, about 1801, captain of the old, and in its best days, somewhat famous, "West Company" of the Woburn Militia. He was subsequently promoted to the office of Major, and, during all his later years, was known as "Major Abijah." He was long a severe sufferer from asthma, and did not mingle freely in society nor in public affairs. He died greatly respected both as a man and a citizen.

"Major Abijah" was twice married. He m. 1, Lydia Mead, of Bedford, July 1, 1790. They had five children :

442. i. Abigail,[7] b. April 6, 1791; d. Oct. 10, 1801.

443. ii. Abijah,[7] b. May 20, 1793; m. Celende Fox, 1814; d. June 7, 1868.

444. iii. Stephen,[7] b. July 16, 1797; d. July 11 (T. R.) July 7, Grave Stone.

445. iv. Benjamin Franklin,[7] b. Jan. 18, 1799; m. Hannah Walker, 1823,

446. and d. July 31, 1863.

447. v. Nabby,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1803, m. Frederick Parker of Woburn, April 13, 1826. She d. March 31, 1879. Mr. Parker d. July 4, 1853. They had seven children: 1, Lydia Thompson, b. June 11, 1827; d. Dec. 14, 1847. 2, Frederick Chandler, b. Jan. 16, 1829; m. M. Abbie Hanson of Peabody, Mass., June 30, 1857, and has two daughters and one son. 3. Josiah, b. Aug. 18, 1830: d. Feb. 25, 1832. 4 and 5, Josiah and Hannah Maria, twins, b. Oct. 25, 1832. Josiah m. Sarah B. Hanson, of Peabody, Mass., Nov. 17, 1864, and has one son. Hannah m. Walter Wellington of Lexington, Jan. 6. 1852, and has two sons and two daughters. 6, Betsey Fidelia, b. June 7, 1836; m. George Russell of Somerville, Feb. 26, 1857, and has three daughters and two sons. 7, Martha Ann, b. May 24, 1841; m. Joseph B. McDonald of Woburn, July 14, 1863, and has two sons.

The first wife of Major Abijah, dying Feb. 3, 1805, he m. 2, Widow Lydia (Jaquith) Bradford of Wilmington. They had one child :

448. i. Lydia Jaquith,[7] b. Jan. 16, 1810; d. Nov. 25, 1822. Her mother d. April 22, 1840.

241. Deacon Charles[6] Thompson (*Sheriff Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Nov. 25, 1780, and during all his long life, lived in Woburn, and

with the exception of three years, within a few rods of the house in which he was born. For many years he was in business with his older brother, and still continued in it, either alone or with one of his sons, after that brother's death. He was besides on a comparatively small scale a farmer, and for several years devoted himself exclusively to this business which he greatly enjoyed. Only to a very limited extent, did he engage in public affairs. His tastes did not incline in this direction. He preferred quiet, was everybody's friend, and had not an enemy. Like many others of his kindred, he was an enthusiastic lover of music, both vocal and instrumental. For many years, he was a devoted member, and for a considerable number of years, an officer in the First Congregational Church. He m. Jan. 19, 1802, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Catherine (Fowle) Wyman of Woburn. They lived together nearly sixty-five years, the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage being celebrated by a large gathering of children, grandchildren, and other kindred and friends at their home. Of their sons, four have been Congregational deacons, one of the four being also a Congregational minister.

Deacon Charles Thompson d. May 16, 1869 in his 89th year.

Mary (Wyman) Thompson, d. Dec. 6, 1866, in her 85th year.

Their children were:

449. i. Charles Rosewell,[7] b. April 6, 1805; m. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Dec. 10, 1829.

450. ii. Henry,[7] b. Aug. 7, 1807; m. 1, Diantha Sloan, 1830; 2, Caroline S. Chase, 1833.

451. iii. Catharine,[7] b. Jan. 27, 1810; m. 1, Eben Tidd, 1825; 2, Col. Charles Carter, 1841.

452. iv. Leander,[7] b. March 7, 1812; m. Anne Eliza Avery, Nov. 6, 1839.

453. v. Mary Ann,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1815; m, Stephen Nichols, 1832, and d. March 12, 1881.

454. vi. Sarah Stanley,[7] b. Feb. 28, 1818; d. April 8, 1818.

455. vii. Sarah Stanley,[7] b. Jan. 5, 1820; d. Oct. 8, 1846.

456. viii. Abijah,[7] b. May 22, 1823; m. Tryphena P. Hackett, Oct. 2, 1844.
457. ix. Edward Everett,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1826; m. Sarah S. Hackett, Sept. 9, 1848.

The oldest daughter of Dea. Charles and Mary (Wyman) Thompson, m. 1, Eben Tidd, in 1825, and had five children:

1. Mary Wyman, b. March 23, 1826; m. Josiah Brown. No children; d. Aug. 31, 1875.
2. Sarah Ann, b. May 21, 1828; m. Edward Aug. T. Sawyer, Boston. Seven children.
3. Henry Bradley, b. Jan. ——— 1830; d. ——— 1832.
4. Albert, b. Jan. ——— 1832; d. ——— 1832.
5. Diantha Thompson, b. Oct. 26, 1833; m. Elbridge L. Kent, Woburn, four children, d. Nov. 27, 1879.

Eben Tidd dying May 3, 1833, Catharine (Thompson) Tidd, m. 2, Col. Charles Carter of Woburn. No children. Col. Carter d. in Woburn, Feb. 26, 1877.

Mary Ann,[7] the second daughter of Dea. Charles and Mary (Wyman) Thompson, m. Stephen Nichols, Jr., of Woburn, June 25, 1832, and had five children:

1. Charles Myron, b. ——— 1833; d. ———1833.
2. Stephen, b. March 5, 1837; m. Abby L. Everett; one child; d. Nov. 17, 1861.
3. Mary Eliza, b. Oct. 23. 1841; m. George H. Conn, Sept., 10, 1861; four sons.
4. Frank Winn, b. Sept. 18, 1849; d. Jan. 6, 1853.
5. Arthur Thompson, b. March 11, 1860; m. Mary A. Galligher, July 11, 1883. Two children:

Stephen Nichols d. Nov. 26, 1879, aged 68 years. Mary Ann (Thompson) Nichols d. March 12, 1881, aged 66 yrs., 6 mos.

242. Alpha[6] Thompson, (*Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was born in Woburn, June 11, 1785, and m. Mary, daughter of John and Susannah Scottow of Woburn, Jan. 4, 1810. They resided first, for several years, in Woburn, then removed to Mount Vernon, N. H. After residing there several years, they removed to Andover, Mass. Here they lived for some time, and,

finally, about 1826, returned to Woburn, where they spent the remainder of their life, respected by all who knew them, for their Christian character and upright life. He d. Aug. 27, 1854. She d. Aug. 18, 1868.

Their children were :

458. i. Susan[7] b. July 26, 1810; m. Rev. Daniel J. Poor, April 7, 1840.
459. ii. Sarah Stanley[7], b. Aug. 12, 1811; m. Munson Johnson, Jr., April 14, 1831.
460. iii. Alpha Stephen,[7] b. ———; d. in infancy.
461. iv. Alpha Elbridge,[7] b. Oct. 27, 1815; m. Mary Hill, Feb. 27, 1844.

Rev. Daniel Jefferson Poor was born in Woburn, July 9, 1807, fitted for college in the Warren Academy of that place, graduated from Amherst College in 1837, and, after studying theology with Dr. Ide of Medway, was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Foxborough, Mass. He here spent several years of faithful and successful labor and then entered upon his life-work as a teacher, for which he had rare adaptations. In Hopkinton, Mass., in Gorham, Me., in Romeo, Mich., and in Lexington, Ill., for thirty years, he proved himself to be pre-eminently fitted for this responsible business. He dropped dead, without a moment's warning, on the morning of Jan. 29, 1878, in his own house at Lexington, Ill., in his 71st year.

The children of Rev. Daniel J. and Susan (Thompson) Poor, were :

1. Susan Frances, b. at Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 4, 1841; m. J. C. Meahan of Lexington, Ill., Sept. 2, 1873. Three children: 1, Herbert Brown, 2, Melville Poor, 3, Angie Floyd, the first two deceased.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. at Foxboro, Mass., June 21, 1843.
3. Charles, b. Jan. 17, 1845, at Foxboro.
4. Daniel J., b. Nov. 1, 1847, at Foxboro; m. Hattie M. Durant of Lynn, Mass., June 5, 1873, who d. much lamented, at Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 23, 1886.
5. Thompson, b. at Hopkinton, Mass., Jan. 3, 1849; m. Helen J. Lindsay of Lexington, Ill., June 24, 1874. Two children: 1, Alpha Thompson, 2, Edwin Lindsay.
6. Anna Corey, b. at Hopkinton, Mass., March 13, 1851.

7. Angeline Floyd, b. at Hopkinton, Mass., March 10, 1853; d. Feb. 16, 1878.
8. Sarah Ella, b. in Gorham, Me., Feb. 24, 1855; m. Oct. 14, 1880, William M. Work of Chenoa, Ill., who d. Feb. 11, 1883.

Sarah Stanley,[7] the second daughter of Alpha and Mary (Scottow) Thompson, m. Munson Johnson, Jr., who was b. in Woburn, Dec. 25, 1809, and d. March 9, 1875, in his 67th year.

They had:

1. Franklin Munson, b. Dec. 5, 1834; d. Sept. 21, 1840.
2. Arathusa Monroe, b. Oct 20, 1836; m. Thomas V. Sullivan, Jr., in Gorham, Me., Aug. 30, 1856, and had: 1, Sarah Elizabeth, b. June 29, 1858; d. May 30, 1876. 2, Thomas V., b. Jan. 9, 1860. 3, Harriet Emma, b. Oct. 10, 1862. 4, Minnie Arethusa, b. March 3, 1865. 5, Mary Thompson, b. April 3, 1867. 6, Julius Howard, b. Dec. 19, 1870. 7, Fred Munson, b. Nov. 2, 1874. 8, Herbert Dunning, b. Oct. 20, 1877; d. Sept. 15, 1878. 9, Arthur Dunning, b. April 17, 1880; d. March 7, 1881. 10, Atherton Durgin, twin of Arthur D., b. April 17, 1880; d. July 13, 1880. 11, Grace Ethel, b. July 14, 1882.
3. Alpha Thompson, second son of Munson and Sarah S. (Thompson) Johnson, b. March 31, 1838; d. Oct. 7, 1838.
4. Leander Thompson, b. Nov. 9, 1841; d. Nov. 29, 1876, unm.
5. Sarah Ella, b. March 6, 1846; d. Sept. 4, 1846.
6. Edward, b. Jan. 28, 1848; d. March 24, 1850.
7. Mary Caroline, b. March 24, 1851; m. Ira Webster Pickering, who was b. in Jolliette, Ill., Jan. 25, 1852, May 14, 1873, in Woburn. Children: 1, Rufus, b. May 18, 1876. 2, Harry Johnson, b. March 30, 1878. 3, Florence Emma, b. March 14, 1880; d. Jan. 11, 1884. 4, Dana Clifton, b. Dec. 2, 1883.

250. Timothy[6] Thompson, (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabes*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Feb. 24, 1777; and here he spent his entire life. He was noted as an iron merchant of great intelligence and of sterling character. In his knowledge of the Bible he was said to have but few equals, even at a period when close and constant private study of the Scriptures was very common. For any quotation he might hear, from Genesis to Revelation, he could readily give the chapter and

verse. He was appointed by the Marshal of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, to take a census of the inhabitants of Charlestown in August and September, 1810. This commission he executed with great fidelity and success, the result being 2,543 males, and 2,936 females, total, 5,479; 200 being convicts in the State Prison, and 62 persons of color.

Timothy Thompson,[6] Jr., and his wife, Sarah (Calder) Thompson had a very large family of fifteen children :

462. i. Timothy,[7] b. Nov. 29, 1796; d., unm., March 18, 1829.
463. ii. Charles,[7] b. July 9, 1798; m. Nancy Wyman, Jan. 24, 1821, and d. Nov. 13, 1871.
464. iii. William Calder,[7] b. July 14, 1800; d. July 16, 1800.
465. iv. Sarah,[7] b. Sept. 1, 1801; d., unm., at Cambridge, Dec. 27, 1880.
466. v. William Calder,[7] b. Aug. 4, 1803; m. Hannah K. Nowell, April 14, 1846. U. S. Navy. Residence, East Boston, d. July 20, 1864.
467. vi. Mary Ann Calder,[7] b. April 4, 1805; m. Thomas Browne, Jr. May 21, 1829; d. June 24, 1867.
468. vii. Caroline,[7] b. Aug. 31, 1806; d., unm., at Danvers, Oct. 10, 1884.
469. viii. Emily,[7] b. July 4, 1808; m. Rev. William H. Knapp, Sept. 30, 1833.
470. ix. Abigail Jones,[7] b. May 3, 1810; d. July 31, 1814.
471. x. Lydia Augusta,[7] b. May 23, 1812; d. May 26, 1812.
472. xi. Abigail Jones,[7] b. May 22, 1813; m. Alfred B. Hall, July 5, 1836; d. Feb. 19, 1880.
473. xii. Joseph Miller,[7] b. June 13, 1814; d. July 11, 1814.
474. xiii. Samuel T.,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1815; m. 1, E. L. Johnson, Aug., 1836; m. 2, H. R. Peck.
475. xiv. Edward T.,[7] b. Aug. 16, 1817; d. Aug. 21, 1817.
476. xv. Edward Turner,[7] b. May 27, 1819; m. Martha C. Hutchings, Oct. 31, 1842; d. in Cambridge, June 25, 1881.

251. Samuel[6] Thompson, (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in Charlestown, March 5, 1779, and m. Mary Green,—— 18[illegible]2, and d. Sept. 12, 1815. The record of his family, so far as obtained by the writer, is very incomplete. The following has been gleaned from various sources.

Children :

477. i. Samuel Adams,[7] b. ———
478. ii. Samuel Adams,[7] b. ———; m. Frances Ann Jones, Aug. 22, 1828.
479. iii. Henry,[7] b. ———; m. Mary Cruikshank.
480. iv. Edward,[7] b. ———
481. v. Susan,[7] b. ———: m. Albert Blanchard.

252. Dr. Abraham Rand[6] Thompson, (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, May 20, 1781.

The following very interesting Biographical Sketch by Hon. Richard Frothingham whose mother was a sister of Dr. Abraham R. Thompson, appeared in the *Boston Daily Advertiser* of May 12, 1866, the day following the Doctor's death. Though received late, and after a similar sketch had been prepared, it very appropriately takes the precedence of every other notice, and is gladly given as embracing all that is essential in a fair, truthful and admirably written account of a greatly revered and much lamented man.

ABRAHAM R. THOMPSON.

Doctor Abraham R. Thompson, widely known through the State, died yesterday of paralysis at his residence in Charlestown, Mass., his native place, at the venerable age of eighty-five. He was a son of Timothy Thompson, a public spirited citizen, and was born May 20, 1781. From the public school he went, at the age of ten, to live with his uncle, Abraham Rand of Salem, Mass., where he was fitted for college; and entered Dartmouth, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

After leaving college, he taught school for a short time at Cambridge in New York, then returned to Charlestown, studied for over three years with Dr. Josiah Bartlett, when (1802) he received a certificate from the censors of the Massachusetts Medical Society, that he was qualified to practise physic. This certificate bears the autograph of John Warren, a brother of the patriot. He married Miss Elizabeth Bowers of Billerica, who survives him, settled in his native town and began a long and successful professional life. He continued to practise to the day of his death, and is entitled to be called the good physician. He ever honored his profession. One of his happiest oratorical efforts was his speech, when at a venerable age he served as the president of the day at the annual festival of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which was characterized in the press as interesting

in matter and excellent in sentiment, full of the fire of seventy-six, and was printed in full. He early took an interest in what was going on in his native town. He joined the Warren Phalanx, of which he was lieutenant, and subsequently was surgeon of a regiment; and the military ever found in him a warm supporter. He became a member of Dr. Morse's church, and subsequently of other churches, thinking and writing much on religious subjects. He engaged in the politics of the day as a warm federalist, and enjoyed the friendship of Daniel Webster. He was active in the first election of Edward Everett to Congress, and through life was his associate. He was for several years a member of the Executive Council and a Presidential Elector. He was the organ of his townsmen on several interesting occasions. He delivered a Fourth of July oration, and the eulogy on President Harrison. Perhaps the happiest of his public efforts was his welcome, in behalf of the town, to Lafayette. On this occasion, besides the usual collection of people, a body of revolutionary veterans stood around the first humble monument erected to Warren on the battle-ground, among whom were his own father, Generals Brooks and Dearborn, and Governor Eustis, all survivors of the battle. Inspired by such presence, he spoke with unusual power as he recalled the circumstances that "gave to our country a gallant hero," and to the rights of "mankind a steadfast champion." This brief, touching, patriotic utterance, coming warm from a grateful heart, touched the feelings of the nation's guest, and his secretary, Levasseur, says: "Lafayette was much moved and his emotion was communicated to all the bystanders; his answer was received by the acclamations of the multitude and the roar of artillery."

Among those present was Edward Everett, who, in a highly complimentary note, sent to the doctor Lafayette's reply in his own handwriting, which is cherished as an heir-loom. After this his friend through life, Governor Everett, tendered him the commission of one of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, and it was renewed by Governors Morton and Briggs. His annual report, as the chairman, shows that he threw himself, with an ardor and fidelity that were characteristic, into this enterprise, which he classed among the noble charities that blessed the age and deserved the generous support of a humane people. His subsequent years were mostly in the quiet of domestic life, though there was hardly a commemorative ovation, whether it was the Sunday-school anniversary, or in civil life, when he was not called upon, and he answered the call. His path through life was not always smooth. A numerous family grew up around him by whom he was idolized, and his genial nature, his fine colloquial gifts, his inexhaustible store of anecdote, fitted him to enliven and adorn the social circle. Never were there happier home ties than those which sanctified his domestic altar.

Misfortune, however, overtook some whom he loved, and death struck down others. He bore up wonderfully under it all. The spirit seemed to

gather to it strength at every trial, and in the heaviest hours he went cheerfully and lovingly to his daily work of doing good. His unfailing urbanity was the type of the gentleman within; the outward expression of a truly good man, loving and beloved. His interest in political questions continued to the day of his death; it was a personal concern for the good of his country. He did not, on the breaking out of the war, plead age to avoid the calls which his townsmen continued to make upon him for a cheering word, but appeared before the public as a matter of duty. He spoke in the language of the generation of Washington, with the patriotic fire of his youth. It was remarkable to hear in the crowded hall, at the festive board and in the public school, this venerable man of four-score counsel his townsmen to discharge their full duties to their country as became those who lived under the shadow of Bunker Hill. In this great historic hour he had no desponding seasons. He had no fears of the ultimate issue; but it was his thought and his word, that the country was passing through an awful baptism of blood and fire to teach the people righteousness and re-establish the government on a firmer and more lasting foundation. The basis of this habitual cheerfulness was his strong religious faith. He was a devout worshipper of his Creator; a humble follower of his Divine Master. His faith was not a cold attraction, but a reality; the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen; and what he hoped and saw, was for the world of humanity. It was a well-spring of joy and of gratitude to him that God was the Father of all and would be the Saviour of all, according to His own purpose, formed before the world began; the Divine plan ever developing in the ages, through the evil and good, for the progress and elevation of the race. His faith in this attained the sublime. It served him on all occasions. He dispensed it wherever he went, in his daily walk and conversation, in the sick chamber, at the festive board, in the political meeting, in the discourse, the eulogy, or the oration, and above all in the home in which, in shadow or in sunshine, there ever ascended the song of thanksgiving and praise. On the evening of the burial of a son on whom he set his heart and who was gathering laurels at Harvard, he sung with fervor his favorite hymn, "Almighty King of Heaven above," so perfectly was his will habitually resigned to the Sovereign will. In all this there was nothing of cant. It was the natural overflow of a devout and grateful heart.

Such was this beautiful life. Such was the man, the physician, the patriot and the Christian. He was at peace with his Maker, and this was his all and all. He could not have had an enemy on earth. To him the dark valley was not death, but a step onward to a new life; the bridge that was the span from the mortal to the immortal, on which he was ever ready to enter. So at last, with his faculties clear, with his faith undimmed, and without a struggle, he gently passed on to his rest in the bosom of the eternal.

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Mr. Frothingham's allusion, in the sketch given above, to Dr. Thompson's address to Gen. Lafayette, and the General's reply, suggests the propriety of reproducing it in this connection. Both the address and the reply are accordingly here given:

SIR:—

In behalf of the inhabitants of Charlestown, the committee of arrangements present their respectful salutations to General Lafayette, and bid him a cordial welcome to this town. This joyful occasion revives high national feelings and recollections, and touches the springs of gratitude by reminding us of that interesting period of our history which gave to our country a gallant hero, and to the rights of mankind a steadfast champion. While we participate in the thrill of delight which every where hails the visit of our illustrious friend, we cannot suppress the peculiar emotions of our hearts on receiving you, sir, on the memorable heights of Bunker Hill — on this holy ground, immortalized by the deeds and sacred to the names of Revolutionary heroes. Over these heights liberty once moved, in blood and tears, her chariot on wheels of fire. Now she comes in her car of peace and glory, drawn by the affections of a happy people, to crown on these same heights with civic honors a favorite son, whose early strength was given to her sacred struggles and whose riper years are now permitted to behold the splendor of her triumphs. In the fullness of our hearts we give thanks to Almighty God who has guided and guarded your high career of peril and renown. Permit us, beloved General, again to welcome you to our bosoms; to express our ardent hopes that your valuable life may be prolonged to the utmost limits of earthly happiness; that the land which has been enriched with the dew of your youth may be honored as the asylum of your old age; that the country which now blends your fame with the mild lustre of Washington may henceforth hail you as a citizen of Washington's country; and that during the residue of your years you may live amidst the attentions, as you forever live in the hearts of a grateful and admiring people.

To this address the General feelingly replied:

"With profound reverence, sir, I tread this holy ground, where the blood of American patriots — the blood of Warren and his companions, early and gloriously spilled — aroused the energy of three millions, and secured the happiness of ten millions and of many other millions of men in time to come. That blood has called both American continents to republican independence, and has awakened the nations of Europe to a sense, and in future, I trust to the practice of their rights. Such has been the effect of resistance to oppression, which was, by many pretended wise men of the times, called rashness, while it was duty, virtue, and has been a signal for the emancipation of mankind. I beg you, sir, and the magistrates and citizens of Charlestown,

to accept the homage of my gratitude for your welcome and of those sentiments of affection and respect, which for so many years I have cherished towards this town."

Dr. Abraham R,[6] and Elizabeth (Bowers,) Thompson had thirteen children, all b. in Charlestown, as follows:

482. i. George,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1803; m. Mary Hersey Morton, Nov. 11, 1833.

483. ii. Thomas H.,[7] b. March 2, 1805; m. Orella Pond, Oct. 26, 1828. She was b. in Bucksport, Me., July 26, 1807, and d. Feb. 12, 1837, at Curacoa, W. I., whither she had gone for her health. "A very, *very* lovely person." Thomas H. was a physician, and d. in Appalachicola, Florida, in 1840.

484. iii. Elizabeth,[7] b. Jan. 4, 1807; m. 1, Josiah Stearns Hurd, M.D., Oct. 19, 1826. Dr. Hurd d. March 25, 1855, aged 59 years, and she m. 2, Henry Lyon, M.D., July 25, 1856. She d. Oct. 23, 1873.

485. iv. Jeremiah Bowers,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1809; m. Hannah Maria Skinner, April 14, 1835, and d. Jan. 21, 1846, in Cuba.

486. v. Abraham,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1809, twin of Jeremiah B.; d. Jan. 19, 1809.

487. vi. Abraham Rand,[7] b. Oct. 5, 1810, a student at Cambridge, d. May 26, 1830.

488. vii. James Lingan,[7] b. Sept. 11, 1812; m. Margaret Trask of Gloucester in 1833, and subsequently three others, and is a farmer in Flint, Pike Co., Illinois.

489. viii. Octavius P,[7] b. Nov. 5, 1813; d. July 17, 1814.

490. ix. Sarah Ann,[7] b. Jan. 11, 1815; m. Rear Admiral James Alden, June 7, 1838, who d. in San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 6, 1877, without children.

491. x. Octavius P.,[7] b. July 3, 1816; d. July 23, 1817.

492. xi. Caroline Margaret,[7] b. Oct. 14, 1817; m. Dr. Henry Lyon (grad. H. U., 1835), Aug. 14, 1841, and d. Feb. 13, 1854.

493. xii. Frederick W.,[7] b. April 13, 1819; m. Maria Teresa O'Keefe.

494. xiii. A child,[7] not named; b. May 16, 1822; d. May 26, 1822.

Of the daughters of Dr. Abraham R. Thompson, one Caroline Margaret, m. Dr. Henry Lyon Aug. 14, 1841, and had children as follows:

1. Elizabeth Bowers,[8] b. Dec. 24, 1842; m. Thomas L. Swann, U. S. N., Nov. 10, 1863. Children: 1, Margaret Thompson,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1864; 2, Annie Laurens,[9] b. Feb. 5, 1867; 3. Elizabeth Thompson,[9] and, 4, Caroline Laurens,[9] twins, b. July 23, 1870.
2. John Damon,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1844; d. Dec. 12, 1844.

3. Henry Ware,[8] U. S. N., b. Nov. 8, 1845; m. Lila Sampson Manton, Nov. 23, 1883. One child, Henry[9] b. April 21, 1885.
4. Margaret Thompson,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1847; m. Oliver Ambrose Batcheller, U. S. N., Oct. 7, 1871. Children: 1, Henry Rensalaer,[9] b. Feb. 8, 1873; 2. Oliver Alden,[9] b. Aug. 8, 1876; d. Sept. 18, 1877; 3. James Hervey,[9] b. Dec. 10, 1878.
5. Sarah Alden,[8] b. July 21, 1849; m. Francis Henry Swan, U. S. N., Feb. 9, 1871. One child, Sally,[9] b. Nov. 25, 1871.
6. Anita Damon,[8] b. July 21, 1851; m. Edward Jacob Forster, physician, Sept. 15, 1871. Children: 1, Teresa,[9] b. Nov. 11, 1872; 2, Elizabeth Thompson,[9] b. April 12, 1874; 3, Ruth,[9] b. May 7, 1878.

253. Joseph[6] Thompson (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, May 12, 1783, m. Sarah Pratt, widow of Josiah Thompson, Nov. 23, 1817, lived in Charlestown, where he d. Nov. 17, 1851. His wife, after surviving him between seventeen and eighteen years, d. July 16, 1869, at the age of eighty years. He was a dealer in lumber.

Children:

495. i. Susan Rigby,[7] b. March 20, 1819; m. Hon. A. Pierce.
496. ii. Ellen Talcott,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1820; m. Henry Lee Jacques, June 1, 1842.
497. iii. Georgianna,[7] b. Dec. 19, 1821; m. Hon. George W. Warren, June 1, 1842.
498. iv. Joseph Pratt,[7] b. Jan. 4, 1824. In California, 1879.
499. v. Maria Louise,[7] b. Oct. 22. 1827; m. Rev. Charles R. Clark, California. (?)
500. vi. Abraham R,[7] b. Nov. 12, 1831. Said to be a "merchant abroad."

Of the six children of Joseph and Susan (Pratt) Thompson mentioned above, Georgianna m. Judge George Washington Warren, one of the most prominent citizens of Charlestown. He graduated from Harvard College in 1830, in the class with Charles Sumner and others who subsequently distinguished themselves. Becoming a lawyer, he was appointed judge of the municipal court, a position which he retained for twenty-five years preceding his death. He was the first mayor

of Charlestown before its annexation to Boston, and served four terms. He sat in both chambers of the General Court; was for many years president of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and wrote a history of its labors.

Judge Warren and Georgianna (Thompson) Warren had two sons and three daughters, all, except one of the daughters, living in 1884, as was also their mother. The judge d. May 13, 1883, aged seventy years.

258. Thomas Miller[6] Thompson (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Oct. 24, 1793, and m. Hannah Swift, Oct. 17, 1826. He was a hardware dealer in Boston, and d. June 27, 1836.

Children:

501. i. Thomas Miller,[7] b. Boston, Sept. 20, 1828; m. Annie E. Morrison of Portsmouth, N. H.

502. ii. Elizabeth Swift,[7] b. Oct. 4. 1830.

503. iii. George Talcott,[7] b. Feb. 16, 1834.

260. Hon. Benjamin[6] Thompson (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Aug. 5, 1798; m. Mary Newell, June 20, 1820, and resided in his native town. He was a merchant, a man of marked ability, and at the time of his lamented death, Sept. 24, 1852, was a member of the United States Congress. His wife d. May 2, 1855, at the age of fifty-six years.

They had one child:

504. i. Mary Angeline,[8] b. Dec. 7, 1820; m. John W. Frothingham, June 22, 1841. Mr. Frothingham is a merchant of the firm of Frothingham, Baylies & Co., in New York.

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290. James[7] Thompson (*Jonathan,*[6] *Robert,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Windham, N. H., June 8, 1790, went to Litchfield, N. H., when young; m. Priscilla Woods of Merrimack, N. H., 1822; b. Aug., 1800, resided in Merrimack, where he was a farmer, and where he d, Dec. 25, 1852.

Children:

505. i. Sophia R.,[8] b. Oct. 4, 1824; m. Jonathan Jones, Dec. 12, 1844. Mr. Jones was b. in Londonderry, N. H., March 15, 1820, now resides in Chelsea, Mass. One child, Laura Etta,[9] b. Merrimack, July 1, 1866; m. Oliver Clark, Sept. 8, 1866. Children: 1, Freddie Jones,[10] b. Nashua, July 10, 1867; d. Jan. 21, 1871. 2, Laura Marion,[10] b. Feb. 6, 1876, Chelsea, Mass.

506. ii. James,[8] b. Oct. 22, 1826, in Merrimack, N. H; m. Susannah M. Colby of Bow, N. H., Nov. 11, 1852.

507. iii. Nancy J,[8] b. Oct. 10, 1828; m. Rodney Smith of Hillsboro, N. H., Nov. 1848, and d. March 4, 1856. One child dead.

508. iv. Peter Woods,[8] b. Sept. 20, 1830. Spent thirty years in California. Now (1886) resides in Hooksett, N. H. Unm.

509. v. Luther Woods,[8] b. June 6, 1832. A miner, Eureka, Nevada; unm.

510. vi. Clarissa Kendall,[8] b. Sept. 15, 1851; m. Emery Parker, April 5, 1851. Live in Nashua, N. H. Three children: 1, Clara Lawrence,[9] b. Bedford, N. H., Sept. 8, 1853. 2, Mary Mabel,[9] b. Hudson, N. H., Aug. 22, 1867. 3, Frank Emery,[9] b. Feb. 21, 1871.

511. vii. Emeline L.,[8] b. May, 9, 1837; m. Samuel Kidder, Oct. 1856; d. 1874. One son, Willis S.,[9] conductor on Nashua railroad.

512. viii. Lucinda A.,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1839; m. George Jackman, Nov. 25, 1862. Live in Wilmington, Del. Two children: 1, Alice L.,[9] b. Aug. 18, 1883, in Nashua, N. H. 2, Flora E.,[9] b. Feb. 6, 1872, Wilmington, Del.

513. ix. Henry H.[8] b. Feb. 1, 1841; m. Betsey Ann Colby of Bow, N. H., April 26, 1866. Lived in Hooksett, N. H., d. Sept. 18, 1883.

514. x. Jonathan J.,[8] b. June 23, 1843; d. 1856.

515. xi. Elizabeth P.,[8] b. April 10, 1845; m. Andrew Roaf of Newburyport, Mass. Children: 1, Mary Alice,[9] b. Oct. 1, 1869. 2, Edward Walter,[9] b. Dec. 13, 1874.

294. Josiah[7] Thompson (*James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., Aug. 17, 1790; m. Louisa Houlton, Oct. 23, 1817, and was a farmer in his native town, and subsequently a lumberman in Orange, Mass., where he d. April 15, 1855. His wife still living, (1886) with a daughter in Lebanon, N. H., and in her 93d year, has had a most interesting history. "She is a grand-niece of Gen. Israel Putnam of revolutionary memory. Her father, Capt. Joseph Houlton, was of the old Puritan stock, and a native of Salem, Mass., where Mrs. Thompson was born. Subsequently, when she was 13 years of age, he took up a whole township in Aroostook County, Me., and the town, now a flourishing one, of which he was a leading man, took his name. At his decease, he was buried there with military honors. The pioneer's camp was pitched in the midst of Indian wigwams, and bears, and other wild beasts were her almost constant uninvited companions. She and her brother were frequently chased by bears. She can tell a great many interesting tales of those early times on the Northeastern frontier, while the boundary dispute between Canada and the United States was still unsettled. She remembers distinctly how the British troops were quartered near by, and how deserters were frequently found hiding in her father's haystacks. Of course, she developed into a woman of strong character under these conditions. She has always been a great reader, and has stored her mind with useful knowledge thereby. She made the journey to Aroostook on horseback with her mother, carrying the family crockery in a bag." — *Granite State Free Press.*

The present writer will only add to the interesting account given above, that during the summer of 1886, he travelled many miles out of his way, on a journey, to see and converse with this aged, but still intelligent, woman, and felt well repaid for his painstaking.

The children of Josiah[7] and Louisa (Houlton) Thompson were as follows, all born in New Salem, Mass.:

516. i. Sarah Houlton,[8] b. Nov. 17, 1818; m. Elliott Swan, and d. in Worcester, Feb. 24, 1885. Had children, 1, Emma L.,[9] who is m., has two children, and lives in Denver, Col. 2, Ida L.,[9] who is m., has one child and lives in Worcester.

517. ii. Mary Ann Sellon,[8] b. Nov. 11, 1820; m. Arad Alexander of Worcester, Jan. 1, 1845. Children: 1. Frank E.,[9] b. Oct. 18, 1849; d. Dec. 9, 1870, 2, Everett Thompson,[9] b. Jan. 28, 1857, Worcester.

518. iii. William O.,[8] b. March 16, 1823; m. Sophronia Carl. Was a lumberman, and d. in Orange, Mass., April 3, 1864. No children.

519. iv. Louisa,[8] b. May, 15, 1826; d. Sept. 6, 1826, at New Salem.

520. v. Louisa Gleason,[8] b. June 25, 1829; m. 1, John Smith of New Salem, Nov. 12, 1851. Children: 1, Frank Thompson,[9] b. Dec. 21, 1852, is m. and lives at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has one child. 2, Annie Louise,[9] b. Sept. 13, 1856, lives in Worcester. 3, Amos K., b. Nov. 21, 1860; d. Aug. 3, 1861. Louise G.,[8] m. 2, Lewis D. Badger, Lake Village, N. H.

521. vi. Josiah Augustus,[8] b. July 23, 1831; m. Mary E. Thayer, Aug. 13, 1856.

522. vii. Elizabeth Ellen,[8] b. Feb. 10, 1834: m. 1, Leonard Harrington of Worcester. Children: 1, Augustus Josiah,[9] b. ———, lives in Worcester, unm.; 2, William Thompson,[9] b. ———, who is m. and has one child. Elizabeth E,[8] m. 2, Charles Howard of Worcester, and has one child (3), Mary E.[9]

523. viii. Helen Maria,[8] b. Jan. 18, 1842, m. Henry H. Brown of Woodstock, Vt., and now resides in Lebanon, N. H. Children: 1, Annie Louise,[9] 2, George Henry.

296. Capt. Clark[7] Thompson, (*James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., April 2, 1798. He was a farmer and owned also a saw mill in that town. He m. 1, Eliza, daughter of John Smith of the same place, Oct. 1828.

They had one child :

524. i. Edward C.[8] b. Aug. 24, 1829; m. Mary E. Goodrich, May 28, 1857.

His wife dying Sept 15, 1838, Capt. Clark[7] Thompson m. 2, Nancy Kendall, of Athol, Mass., in 1841, and had children :

525. ii. Frederick Henry,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1844; m. Harriet F. Howes, June 1, 1870.

526. iii. Eliza A.,[8] b. April 16, 1843; m. Joseph Shaw. They resided for several years in Worcester, Mr. Shaw having charge of Metcalf's Military School in that city. They now (1886) live in Tivoli-on-the-Hudson. Mr. Shaw is classical teacher in Trinity School. They have two children, 1, Harry[9] b. ———, 2, Robert[9] b ———.

Capt. Clark Thompson d. May, 9, 1863 and his widow lives with her daughter in Tivoli-on-the-Hudson.

302. Richard[7] Thompson, (*Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Rindge, N. H. 1776, m. 1. Polly Tarbell, July 9, 1809, and settled as a farmer in Chester, Vt. when he d. Oct. 7, 1855.

Children :

527. i. Ruth Elliot,[8] b. Jan. 28, 1810, in Chester, resides in Brattleboro, Vt.

528. ii. Rachel Barnes[8] b. Nov. 25, 1812; m. Artemas Holden, May, 1832, d. in Cavendish, Vt., March 5, 1868.

529. iii. Mary Tarbell,[8] b. April 1, 1814; m. John Conklin, Aug. 1850, d. in Mount Holly, Vt.

530. iv. Sarah Hart,[8] b. April 6, 1816; m. 1, Aaron Chessman, Dec. 1833, m. 2. ——— Morey, Brattleboro, Vt.

531. v. Rebecca Eaton,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1818; m. Caleb. W. Bennett, May 26, 1845; d. in Clinton, Mass., Jan. 8, 1881.

532. vi. Ann R.,[8] b. Dec. 17, 1821; m. David Randall, 1841, and d. in Chester, Vt., June 5, 1873.

533. vii. Ellen Calista,[8] b. Jan. 21, 1824; resides in Chester, Vt.

Richard Thompson m. 2, Mrs. Susan M. Kenota, June 16, 1833. No children.

305. Ebenezer[7] Thompson, (*Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. Dec. 14, 1782, m, 1. Hannah Maynard 1805; m. 2, Hannah Summerby, and d. March 25, 1859.

Ebenezer kept a hotel in Concord, Mass. and the old Elm St. Hotel in Boston. He had one son and three daughters one of whom m. Rev. Edward Othman of Chelsea, Mass. No farther account of the family has been obtained.

309. DANIEL[7] THOMPSON, (*Richard*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. July 28, 1796, m. Lucy Stoddard, 1819, and d. March 4, 1870, Springfield, Vt.

Children:

534. i. Leland J.[8] b. ? 1820, d. 1833

535. ii. Richard B.[8] b. June 21, 1822; m. Elizabeth A. Jackson, Feb. 22, 1849. One son, b. Ludlow, Vt., June 28, 1850, named Noyes Leland.[9] The mother now lives in Bartonsville, Vt.

536. iii. Lucy Ann,[8] b. (?); d. 1845.

310. JOSHUA HALL[7] THOMPSON, (*Richard*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Springfield, Vt., Sept. 18, 1799; m. Lucinda Putnam of Chester, Vt., June 15, 1830. Was a farmer in Sinclairville, Chaut. Co., N. Y., where he d. Aug. 24, 1878.

Children:

537. i. Richard P.,[8] b. Feb. 23, 1831, in Gerry Chaut. Co., N. Y.; m. Amanda C. Waterman; d. Nov. 4, 1874, at Charlotte.

538. ii. Lucy B.,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1833; m. Myron Field of Cherry Creek, Chaut. Co., N. Y.

539. iii. Edna L.,[8] b. June 3, 1835; d. at Gerry, N. Y., July 14, 1843.

540. iv. Albert H.,[8] b. June 3, 1838; m. Lavinia T. Waterman, Dec. 3, 1861. A farmer in Charlotte, Chaut. Co., N. Y., Joshua H.[7] Thompson, m. 2, Mary Ann Freeman, Oct. 13, 1844, and had one son.

541. v. Edwin J.,[8] b. in Charlotte, N. Y. Dec. 1, 1846; m. Marie Hadley and resides in Kings City, Mo.

Lucy B. (Thompson) Field, d. and left four children, three daughters, and one son.

311. AARON LELAND[7] THOMPSON, (*Richard*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in —— Vt.,

May 2, 1802; m. Randilla Weston, (b. June 14, 1806,) July 5, 1830. He lived in Springfield, Vt. where he d. Feb. 6, 1867. They had one child:

512. i. Horace Weston,[8] b. in Springfield, Vt. March 5, 1834; m. Georgiana Moseley, Dec. 4, 1864, and resides at Bellows Falls, Vt.

321. Timothy[7] Thompson. (*Timothy*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Chester, Vt., March 29, 1810; m. 1, Maria ——, who d. March 10 1839. m. 2, Rhoda ——.

Children:

543. i Elsa Maria,[8] b. Nov. 21, 1841.
544. ii. Timothy Sherman,[8] b. Oct. 13, 1845.

322. Thomas[7] Thompson, (*Timothy*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Chester, Vt., Dec. 16, 1814; m. Sarah F. Atwood of Chester, April 2, 1813.

Children:

545. i. Thomas Ransom,[8] b. May 7, 1841.
546. ii. Jefferson Putnam,[8] b. Sept. 2, 1842.
547. iii. Sarah Vesta,[8] b. June 11, 1845; d. Feb. 21, 1856.
548. iv. Stella Vinetta,[8] b. April 6, 1847.

325. Truman[7] Thompson, (*Timothy*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. April 3, 1820; m. Polly Ann Wiman, Oct. 11, 1840. Lived in his native town of Chester, where he d. May 8, 1857.

Children:

549. v. Alvin Leroy,[8] b. July 6, 1844.
550. vi. Eugene,[8] b. Aug. 8, 1847.

333. Samuel[7] Thompson, (*Samuel*,[6] *Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*,[1]) was b. in Tewksbury, Mass. Aug. 5, 1791, m. Lucy Clark, April 9, 1816, who was b. Nov. 9, 1793 and d. Jan. 21, 1882. They resided in Tewksbury, where he d. April 23, 1873.

Children:

551. i. Lucy Jane,[8] Feb. 3, 1817; m. Joseph Burnap, June 13, 1853, and lives in Upper Alton, Ill.

552. ii. Lavinia,[8] b. Aug. 17, 1818; m. John Frye, Oct. 10, 1844, Andover, Mass.

553. iii. Samuel Ingalls,[8] b. April 17, 1820; m. Lorania Willard.

554. iv. Olive,[8] b. Jan. 14, 1822; m. Thomas D. Bond of Wilmington, Oct. 30, 1855, and d. in Wilmington, Nov. 22, 1885. Four children.

555. v. Clark,[8] b. April 2, 1824; m. 1, Elizabeth Kittredge, m. 2, Salome Jaques, Nov. 27, 1856. Lives in Everett, Mass.

556. vi. James,[8] b. March 17, 1826; d. April 19, 1826, in Tewksbury.

557. vii. Mary,[8] b. April 27, 1828; m. William H. Gray, May 25, 1847, Everett, Mass.

558. viii. James,[8] b. Sept. 1. 1829; m. Cordelia Voodrey, Jan. 16, 1863, Somerville.

559. ix. Justin,[8] b. April 15, 1832; m. Sarah E. Rogers. April 24, 1856. He was a dealer in provisions in Charlestown, Mass; d. Feb. 13, 1862.

560. x. Abby Ann.[8] b. Nov, 17, 1834; m. Edwin F. Bailey, Aug. 5, 1860, and resides in Ashland, N. H.

561. xi. Martha,[8] b. Feb. 27, 1837; m. George Lee, Feb. 18, 1878, Tewksbury.

562. xii. Albert,[8] b. Aug. 4, 1840; d. March 18, 1843, Tewksbury.

334. JONATHAN[7] THOMPSON, (*Samuel*,[6] *Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wilmington, June 28, 1793, m. Clarissa Trull of Burlington, Mass., May, 19 1818, who was b. in that town June 13, 1798, and d. in Stoneham, Mass., Sept. 7, 1868. He was a currier by trade, resided in South Reading, now Wakefield, in Woburn and in Wilmington where he d. Dec. 10, 1826.

He had three sons, all b. in South Reading:

563. i. Jonathan,[8] b. May, 31, 1819; m. Sarah G. Sturtevant, Jan. 11, 1844.

564. ii. Charles,[8] b. May 7, 1821; d. Sept. 28, 1822.

565. iii. Charles A.[8], b. Aug. 23, 1822; m. Maria Sherburn, March 1, 1848.

Jonathan and Charles A. both reside in Stoneham.

340. EBENEZER[7] THOMPSON, (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Josiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Medford, Mass., March 17, 1779, m. Hannah Gage, June 14, 1801, and lived in Charlestown.

Children:

566. i. Catherine G.[8] b. (?)

567. ii. Eliza Ann Pratt,[8] b. — (?); m. James B. Bossuet, April 24, 1823.

568. iii. Ebenezer,[8] b. (?); m. Mary Jane Cutter, March 1, 1829, d. 1839.
569. iv. Hannah,[8] b. (?); m. 1. Jere Johnson, 2, Thos. N. Hunt.
570. v. Almira Webster,[8] b. (?) 1810; m. Stephen Cutter, July 1, 1830, d. June 27, 1839.
571. vi. Charles Greenleaf,[8] b. (?)
572. vii. George[8] b. (?) Died, unmarried, at the age of 19.
573. viii. Catherine Greenleaf,[8] b. (?); m. Stephen Cutter, Aug. 23, 1840.
574. ix. Gardner G.[8] b. (?)

Of the six children of Catherine G. and Stephen Cutter, one was Gardner Greenleaf Thompson[9] b. Oct. 5. 1852, and d. Nov. 23, 1861.

341. Josiah[7] Thompson, (*Ebenezer,*[6] *Josiah,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Medford, Mass., June 28, 1781, m. Susan Pratt, July 18, 1811, and lived in Charlestown, where he d. June 28, 1812.

One child:

575. i. Josiah,[8] b. Dec. 28, 1812; d. at sea April 6, 1839.

The widow of Josiah[7] m. Joseph[6] Thompson, Nov, 23, 1817, and had six other children.

351. Vernon[7] Thompson (*Jacob,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Holland, Mass., Dec. 9, 1801; m. Eleanor Hyatt of Washington, D. C., May 5, 1831, and settled in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he d. March 11, 1872. He was for many years an honored and successful teacher in New York and Brooklyn. He was also for some years in the insurance business. From his youth he was a member of the Congregational Church.

Children:

576. i. George,[8] b. in Brooklyn, June 1, 1832; d. Oct. 20, 1875.
577. ii. William A.,[8] b. in Brooklyn, Aug. 18, 1835; d. Feb. 12, 1875.
578. iii Harriet E.,[8] b. in Brooklyn, July 10, 1845; d. ———.

355. Rev. William Austin[7] Thompson (*Jacob,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Holland, Mass., March 28, 1811; m. Harriet B. Sawyer, of Portland, Me., Sept. 4, 1843; went as a pioneer missionary to Iowa; subsequently settled at Port Byron, Ill., where

he was accidently drowned in the Mississippi River, May 3, 1852. His body, after five weeks, was found at Muscatine, Ia., having floated down the river, 70 miles.

The writer of this notice knew William A. Thompson, in the early part of his college course, as a young man of rare excellence and promise. As he left the institution before graduating, and finally graduated from another college, he knew less of his riper years, but had abundant reason to believe that they fulfilled his early promise. Soon after his lamented death, the *New York Observer* published an extended and very interesting sketch of his life and experience, copied also by the *New York Independent*, written by one who had long known him, Mrs. P. H. Brown, the popular poetess of Monson, where his father lived for many years and where some of the survivors of the family still reside. The article is too long for insertion here, but it is worthy of preservation, as a precious memorial of one of the best of men, by those who knew him.

Rev. William A.[7] Thompson left a widow and two daughters :

579. i. Anna[8].
580. ii. Mary.[8]

who reside in Boston.

370. Col. William Warriner[7] Thompson (*Sylvanus*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brimfield, Mass., Feb. 23, 1786. He was justice of the peace in Brimfield, 1823, selectman, 1822, and town clerk, 1823 – 1826. He subsequently went West and settled in Peoria, Ill., where he died.

William W.,[7] m. 1, Annis Young, and had children :

581. i. Abigail Munger,[8] b. July 15, 1813.
582. ii. William Warriner,[8] b. April 27, 1817; d. young.
Annis (Young) Thompson, d. May 21, 1817, and William W.[7] m. 2, Eliza S. and had
583. iii. Eliza Ann,[8] b. Feb. 19, 1825.

380. Joseph[7] Thompson (*Lieut. Amherst*,[6] *Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Peru, Mass., June 4, 1790; m. Hannah Payne, April 16, 1817, and d. Dec. 19, 1827. She d. Nov. 5, 1879.

Children:

584. i. Clark Payne,[8] b. Feb. 6, 1818; d. Feb. 7, 1838, 20 yrs.

585. ii. DeWitt Clinton,[8] b. Sept 1, 1826; m. Marion Brown, Jan. 16, 1852.

383. Capt. Amherst[7] Thompson (*Lieut. Amherst*,[6] *Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Peru, Mass., Feb. 2, 1796; m. Susan Dorrance Lord of Saybrook, Ct., May 11, 1821. He lived in Northampton, Mass., Newark, N. Y., Amherst, Mass., and Chicago, Ill. He d. in Lake View, near Chicago, Ill., Jan. 3, 1878. His wife, b. March 1, 1800, d in Lake View, Sept. 14, 1858.

Children:

586. i. George Washington,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1823, in Northampton, Mass.; m. Mary Dell, June, 1850, at Battle Creek, Mich.

587. ii. John Andrew,[8] b. May 20, 1824, in Northampton; m. Elizabeth W. Lusk, May 20, 1851, at Newark, N. Y.

588. iii. Emma Elizabeth,[8] b. Nov. 16, 1826, in Northampton; m. Samuel B. Chase, June 1, 1853, at Chicago, Ill.

589. iv. Susan Jennette,[8] b. April 24, 1829, in Northampton; m. John J. Pitkin, Feb. 23, 1852, at Amherst, Mass.

590. v. Amherst Lord,[8] b. April 16, 1834, at Newark, N. Y.; m. Esther E. Munsell, Feb. 2, 1860, at Amherst, Mass.

591. vi. William Wallace,[8] b. April 19, 1839, at Newark, N. Y.; m. Harriet J. Easterbrooks of Napa, Cal., Nov. 1, 1871.

Of the daughters of Amherst[7] and Susan D. (Lord) Thompson, Emma E.[8] m. June 1, 1853, Samuel B. Chase, a lawyer, grad. D. C. 1844, in Chicago, Ill., and resides in Lake View, Ill. They have six children:

1. Mary Elizabeth,[9] b. Nov. 14, 1854, in Chicago, Ill.
2. Emma Susan Lord,[9] b. Dec. 11, 1857, in Lake View, Ill.
3. Horace Blanchard,[9] b. Oct. 18, 1859, in Lake View, Ill.
4. Ruth Glidden,[9] b. Nov. 4, 1861, in Lake View, Ill.
5. Charles Amherst,[9] b. Jan. 10, 1864, in Lake View, Ill. Senior in Amherst College, 1887.
6. Samuel Thompson,[9] b. Sept. 24, 1867, in Lake View, Ill.

The second daughter of Amherst and Susan D. (Lord) Thompson, m. Feb. 3, 1852, John J. Pitkin, Amherst, Mass.

Children :

1. Charles T.,[9] b. Sept. 18, 1853, in Amherst.
2. Susan Lord,[9] b. Jan. 24, 1860, in Chicago, Ill.
3. Esther Ada,[9] b. Dec. 28, 1863, in Chicago, Ill.

Two other children d. in early childhood.

385. Smith[7] Thompson (*Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Peru, Mass., Nov. 27, 1800; m. Hannah (Payne) Thompson, the widow of his brother Joseph, May 3, 1830, and lives in Peru. There being a discrepancy between the date of m. in the town record, and that given in the family Bible, the latter is followed.

Children :

592. i. Joseph Allen,[8] b. Dec. 19, 1830; d. Jan. 9, 1831.

593. ii. Malvina Murry,[8] b. Dec. 4, 1833; m. Martin Pierce of Peru, March 4, 1853. They have three children, and reside in Springfield, Mass.

594. iii. Henry Smith,[8] b. July 23, 1838; m. Sarah F. Clark, Oct. 24, 1863.

386. John[7] Thompson, (*Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Peru, Mass., Nov. 27, 1802; m. Feb., (?) 1829, Electa Ferris of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N. Y.

John Thompson, Esq., has, for many years been an honored and is now a veteran banker in the city of New York. At the time of this writing, he is president of the Chase National Bank, his residence being 295 Madison Ave. Eminent in his responsible profession, he has long been one of those men,— too rare in these times,— in whom every one who knows him feels the utmost confidence. The present writer never knew him, but has learned from those who do know him, that "his word is as good as his bond," a fact which it is a pleasure here to record.

Children :

595. i. Eudora Lydia,[8] b. March 31, 1832; m. Frank Granger Adams, Oct. 2, 1851, and has children: 1, Eleanor,[9] b. June 30, 1853; 2, Frederick Thompson,[9] b. April 10, 1855; 3, Eudora,[9] b. April 2, 1858; d. June 10, 1877.

596. ii. Samuel Clark,[8] b. Dec. 31, 1834; m. Abbie Sherman Thompson, March 6, 1866, and d. April 10, 1884.

597. iii. Frederick Ferris,[8] b. June 2, 1836; m. Mary C. Clark.

390. Artemas[7] Thompson (*Artemas,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Hinsdale, Mass., Oct. 12, 1800; fitted for college at Amherst Academy; grad. from Amherst College 1826; studied law with Samuel F. Dickinson of Amherst; was admitted to the bar at Buffalo, N Y., Dec. 17, 1830, and practiced in that city till 1837. He d. of yellow fever, while on a business trip, in Mobile, Ala., Aug. 16, 1837. He m. Fanny, daughter of Col. Elijah Dickinson of Amherst, Jan. 18, 1823.

Children all born in Amherst :

598. i. Harriet J.,[8] b. May 17, 1824; m. 1, Edwin Ames of Amherst, Sept. 12, 1843. Children: 1, Fanny E.,[9] b. June 24, 1846; m. Henry Pease, July 5, 1866, and has children: 1, Oliver,[10] b. April 9, 1869; 2, Henry Burt,[10] b. July 30, 1873; 3, Charles Wood,[10] b. May 18, 1875. 2, Edwin F.,[9] b. March 3, 1851; m. Abbie Harrington, and resides in Worcester. A travelling agent. Edwin Ames dying Dec. 24, 1850, Harriet J.,[8] m. 2, Enos Baker, of Amherst.

599. ii. Artemas E.,[8] b. Feb. 24, 1826; m. Mary K. Sylvester, April, 19, 1853, and d. Feb. 26, 1870.

600. iii. William, M. T.,[8] b. July 1, 1829; m. Emeline Brown, Aug., 1854.

394. Dr. John Leland Sherman[7] Thompson (*Artemas,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Hinsdale, Mass., Sept. 15, 1811; grad. from Williams Medical College, and, for several years, practised in Bolton, Mass., but in 1846 removed to Lancaster, Mass. Beside his usefulness as a successful physician, he was public-spirited and highly useful as a citizen. As a warm friend of our soldiers in the war of the Rebellion,

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he kept a most valuable record concerning them during the war. For twenty-eight years, he held the office of town clerk, and in 1860 and 1862, he was chosen representative of the eighth Worcester district. He was also on various important committees. He d. Dec. 25, 1885, of pneumonia, after an illness of five days.

In Sept., 1832, Dr. Thompson m. Mary G. Nash but never had children.

397. Col. Ebenezer Rumford[7] Thompson (*Col. Ebenezer*,[6] *Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in West Cambridge, now Arlington, March 5, 1795. He fitted for college under Dr. John Hosmer, of Medford, and grad. from Harvard University in 1816. After teaching for some time in Woburn and in West Cambridge, he studied law with Hon. Joseph Locke of Billerica, and Hon. Thomas R. Gold, of Whitesboro', N. Y., and was for some time private secretary to Commodore William Bainbridge, then in command of the naval squadron in Boston Harbor, the U. S. Ship Independence, being the flag ship. After a brief residence in Warren, O., he at length settled in Dunkirk, N. Y., where, as lawyer, editor, and merchant, he lived a very busy and useful life, till declining age rendered it necessary to retire from active business. He, however, did not lose his interest in the busy world, nor sit down in indolent listlessness. As an elder for many years in the Presbyterian Church, he was always alive to church work, and always commanded the highest respect of those around him. His honored father having been a first cousin of Count Rumford and born in the same old mansion, now known as the Rumford House, in North Woburn, the still more honored son took, from the first, a very warm interest in the Rumford Historical Association, of which he was a vice-president from its organization until his death. His occasional visits to the home of his ancestors were always delightful to his friends, and always

seemed to be full of interest to him. It was indeed a benediction to see and converse with him. Of beautiful face and form even in his old age, he possessed in a large measure, that peculiar culture of mind and manner that made him pre-eminently "a gentleman of the old school." He died suddenly Oct. 11, 1880, in the 86th year of his age, universally lamented as he had been universally beloved.

Ebenezer Rumford[7] Thompson was m. Jan. 9, 1821, at Oriskany, N. Y., to Eunice Mann Draper, of North Attleboro', Mass., and had seven children, only three of whom survived him. His wife d. March 2, 1869.

Children:

601. i. Louisa Capron,[8] b. Aug. 28, 1822; m. Willard W. Brigham, Aug. 25, 1852.
602. ii. Margaret Maria,[8] b. Jan 12, 1824; d. unm. Sept. 11, 1858.
603. iii. Henry Sewall,[8] b. April 9, 1824; d. March 25, 1830.
604. iv. Henrietta Parsons,[8] b. Jan. 22, 1829; d. Aug. 24, 1829.
605. v. Julia King,[8] b. Dec. 15, 1830; m. Dr. Julian T. Williams, Dec. 11, 1851.
606. vi. Adaline Amanda,[8] b. May 6, 1833; m. Byron W. Clark, Dec. 11, 1851, and d. Aug. 25, 1864.
607. vii. Ebenezer Kirk,[8] b. Nov. 24, 1834; m. Mary Ann Waters, Dec. 25, 1864.

406. Luther[7] Thompson (*Benjamin*,[6] *Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*[3] *Jonathan*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Frankfort, Me., Aug., 1804; m. Deborah Rich of Bucksport, Me., 1829. He was lost at sea, Aug. 23, 1837.

One child.

608. i. Eliza,[8] b. in Frankfort, 1836; m. Albert Murch of Hampden.

407. Capt. Tobias Oakman[7] (*Benjamin*,[6] *Hiram*.[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Frankfort, Me., Oct.3, 1806; m. Lydia Hatch of Castine, Me., Aug. 28, 1838. Residence, Winterport, Me., After spending many years upon the seas, he retired in 1856. His wife d. March 29, 1872.

Children :

609. i. Eliza A.,[8] b. June 18, 1839; m. Roland Bridgam of Castine, Nov. 16, 1869, and d. March 14, 1878.
610. ii. Lucy F.,[8] b. June 28, 1843; d. Dec. 2, 1845.
611. iii. Tobias Oakman,[8] b. June 17, 1846; d. May 13, 1847.
612. iv. Tobias J.,[8] b. April 5, 1848; m. May Abbott, Jan. 12, 1873

408. Benjamin[7] Thompson (*Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Frankfort, Oct. 20, 1808. He was a sea-faring man, and unm. Lost at sea, Dec. 6, 1831.

409. Capt. William[7] Thompson (*Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. Jan, 20, 1810, in Frankfort; m. Abigail Couillard, 1834, and, like his brothers, followed the seas. With his wife, he sailed from Savannah, Georgia, Jan. 7, 1872, for Bremen, he being captain of ship "Samuel Larrabee," and they were never heard from afterward.

They had two children :

613. i. Benjamin,[8] b. 1834; m. Belle Dunham, 1856.
614. ii. Hiram,[8] b. 1847; m. Louisa Moore, 1870.

411. Hiram[7] Thompson (*Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Frankfort, March 4, 1815. Like his four brothers, he was a seaman, and, like three of the four, he was lost at sea, Dec. 6, 1831, before reaching the age of seventeen.

417. Jonathan[7] Thompson (*Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel*[5] *Esq, Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, April 24, 1787, m. 1, Margery, daughter of Dea. John Fowle of Woburn, Dec. 22, 1808, and m. 2, Elizabeth Jenkins of Chester, Vt., Sept. 21, 1848, his first wife having d. in August, 1847. When just thirty years of age, he united with the first Congregational Church, and, till his death, May 30, 1855, he remained highly respected as a teacher in the Sabbath School, as a leader among those who conducted the service of song, and as an upright citizen.

He had only two children, the children of his first wife :

615. i. Margery Fowle,[8] b. April 16, 1810; m. Alfred A. Newhall. Children : 1, Maria Margery,[9] b. in Woburn, March 13, 1833; m. W. P. Fox of Woburn, and has two sons, both m., and a daughter unm. 2, Alfred Augustus,[9] b. in Cambridge, June 7, 1844, a graduate from college, a clergyman, and a very useful missionary in India for many years. Twice married.

616. ii. Almira,[8] b. July 1, 1820; m. Amos Whittemore of Cambridge, July 6, 1837. No children.

418. Col. Luke[7] Thompson, (*Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel*[5] *Esq., Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Jan. 20, 1789; m. Betsey Chamberlain—— 1815, resided in Chelmsford, Mass., Burlington, Vt., and Holyoke, Mass., where he d. Nov. 17, 1856, his burial place being across the river in South Hadley Falls.

Children :

617. i. James Monroe,[8] b. April 18, 1818; m. Aurelia G. Taylor, of South Hadley, Mass. Oct. 2, 1846.

618. ii. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. ——1819; d. 1822.

420. Cyrus[7] Thompson, (*Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel*[5] *Esq., Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, March 10, 1793; m. Abigail Noble of Stoneham, Mass., Dec. 26, 1816, and always resided in Woburn. At the early age of 24, he united with the First Congregational Church, in which, for many years, he was the leader of the music. In Nov., 1849, he removed his relation to the North Church, then organized, and remained a member till his death, May 26, 1873, at the age of 80 years.

To some extent, in his earlier years, Cyrus Thompson was a shoe manufacturer, but for many years he was better known, like his grandfather, Samuel Thompson, Esq., as a surveyor. He was also a justice of the peace, served several years as a member of the school board, and, in 1847, 1848, 1849, and 1850, was on the board of selectmen. In every sphere of active life, he showed

himself to be a man of great strength of mind, of much reading and more thinking, and of far more than ordinary intelligence on a great variety of subjects. Considering his circumstances and the almost universal apathy in matters touching family history and genealogy, he made, assisted by a distant relative, a very respectable beginning in the work of collecting and arranging material for a manuscript memorial of the Thompson family. His wife did not long survive him. She d. Dec. 26, 1876.

Their children were:

619. i. Cyrus Augustus,[8] b. Sept. 6, 1818; m. Harriet Watson, Nov. 28, 1850. He d. very suddenly, March 4, 1880. No children.

620. ii. Jonathan,[8] b. Jan. 13, 1822; m. Eunice W. Carter, June 1, 1847.

621. iii. Samuel[8] Francis, b. Aug. 21, 1834; m. Mary E. Blodgett, June 1, 1864.

425. Albert[7] Thompson, (*Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, May 13, 1808, m. Seviah Baker, dau. of Stephen Nichols of Woburn, April 22, 1834, and resided in Canada, Woburn, and North Woburn, where he spent his closing years and where he d. instantaneously while engaged in his business, Dec. 31, 1874.

Albert[7] Thompson, like all the numerous family of which he was the youngest member, was very fond of music, and, like the rest, had a scientific acquaintance with it. He was both a leader and a teacher in this art. Like his brother, Cyrus, he was on the board of selectmen, serving in 1840, 1841, 1844, and 1856. For three or four years from 1846, he was Captain of the "Phalanx." He was also an auctioneer, and, for several years, a constable and a deputy sheriff. In his later years, his health was feeble, though up to his last moment of life, he was in active business. His death was deeply felt as that of a man who had long been very highly respected.

Children :

622. i. Albert,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1835; d. Sept. 19, 1836.
623. ii. Ellen Seviah,[8] b. Oct. 6, 1839; m. Carlton Warren of Whitby, Canada West, Nov. 20, 1856. Children: 1, Martha N.,[9] b. Aug. 29, 1857; d. young. 2, Mary Louisa,[9] b. Dec. 4, 1859. 3. William T.,[9] b. Feb. 9, 1862; m. Susan Dickson. 4, Albert Thompson,[9] b. Oct 28, 1869. 5, Carleton,[9] b. Aug. 14, 1880.
624. iii. Albert,[8] b. May 19, 1841; d. Aug. 30, 1841.
625. iv. Elmer,[8] b. June 13, 1846; d. Aug. 14, 1847.
626. v. Warren,[8] b. Feb. 8, 1851; d. Dec. 12, 1872. A young man of rare promise; d. of fever while a member of Amherst College.

426. Col. Leonard[7] Thompson (*Leonard*,[6] *Samuel*,[5] *Esq.*, *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born in that part of the original Woburn now known as Burlington, May 12, 1788, but spent nearly all his life in the present town of Woburn, where he died Dec. 28, 1880, in the 93d year of his age, his death being instantaneous in the street. His large and stately form and his unusually easy and gentlemanly bearing, long made him a revered as well as familiar object in the streets and public assemblies of the town.

From a paper, prepared by himself in 1870, for the New England Historical and Genealogical Society of which he was an honored and the oldest member, we extract the following somewhat condensed items of his personal history: "My father's name was Leonard, born in Woburn, Dec. 1, 1764. He was a farmer, and died Sept. 7, 1819. My mother was Esther Wyman, born in Woburn, Aug. 24, 1766. Her father was Jesse Wyman, who took an active part as captain in the Revolutionary war.

"In regard to myself; at the age of thirteen years I commenced work in learning the shoe trade. My means were limited and my progress slow and small. Still I persevered in my shoe trade, manufacturing and selling, until my friends and fellow-townsmen drew me away from it by persuading me to act for them in many

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different appointments of trust. I finally gave up the business, as I was placed on the board of selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor for several years, and was in the chair of all those boards. I served the town also in the State legislature. I have also held office under the authority of our Commonwealth, and of the United States. I was commissioned by Governors Strong and Brooks as a captain, major, a lieutenant-colonel in the Massachusetts militia; I have been a justice of the peace and of the quorum more than thirty years. I have been called to settle many estates, as administrator and executor; and I have been appointed to hold property in trust, and guardian for young and old persons, and appraiser and conveyancer, etc. In all my acts I have been anxious to do justly."

From an article furnished to the *Woburn Journal* in 1881, by Mr. William R. Cutter and embodying the statements given above, the following additional items are extracted as having an especial appropriateness in this notice: "Col. Thompson's remarkable memory could recall with distinctness events and persons of the last century. He remembered the Rev. Samuel Sargent, minister of Woburn First Parish from 1785 to 1799. He was well acquainted with the Rev. John Marratt, minister of Woburn Second Parish, now Burlington, 1774 to 1813. He was present at the funeral of the Rev. Joseph Burbeen, in 1794. He was present on Jan. 16, 1800, when Dr. Morse of Charlestown addressed the people of Woburn on the occasion of the public services of the town on the death of General Washington. On that day the meeting-house on Woburn Common was so crowded with attendants that it was propped from the outside. Col. Thompson was one of the children of the public schools, who formed a part of the escort on that occasion, and wore crape on his arm, as was done by all the male inhabitants. He also remembered the Clapp house disaster in Woburn, in 1807, in which a house

frame fell, killing several, and wounding twenty or more persons. The horror of this scene was never forgotten by him. He was personally acquainted with many of the participants in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and had heard repeatedly the story of these events from their lips. . . . It was our privilege, three years ago, to accompany a party of gentlemen, of which he was one, on a visit to the spot in Lincoln where his great uncle, Daniel Thompson, was killed by the British, April 19, 1775, for the purpose of examining a site for a contemplated monument."

The writer of the present notice of Col. Thompson was also one of the party mentioned in Mr. Cutter's concluding paragraph, and rode from Woburn to Lexington and Lincoln with him, the whole distance, going, and returning, being probably at least a dozen miles. With the object mentioned in our immediate view, the conversation naturally turned upon matters of historic interest, and it was truly wonderful to hear a veteran of 90 years, yet vigorous in body and mind, pour out from his apparently inexhaustible stores, his rare memories of the olden times.

At the age of twenty-nine Col. Thompson united with the First Congregational Church of Woburn, his wife uniting at the same time, and remained a member until his sudden death, a period of sixty-three and a half years. He married 1, Hannah, daughter of Daniel Wyman of Woburn, Nov. 19, 1812.

Their children were :

627. i. Waldo,[8] b. Dec. 7, 1813; m. Hannah R. Bradford, Nov. 26, 1857.

628. ii. Leonard,[8] b. Nov. 21, 1817; m. Maria S. Smith, May, 26, 1847.

Hannah (Wyman) Thompson d. April 17, 1834, and Col. Thompson m. 2, Anna B. daughter of Rev. Samuel Mead formerly pastor of the Congregational Church in West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Dec. 5, 1835.

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Children:

629. iii. Justin Edwards,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1837; m. Mary J. Murdock, June, 1873.
630. iv. Anna Maria,[8] b. June 10, 1840; d. May 2, 1863.

Anna B. (Mead) Thompson d. Feb. 22, 1855.

427. Rufus[7] Thompson, (*Leonard,*[6] *Samuel*[5] *Esq., Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. March 22, 1791; m. Submit Richardson of Woburn, Jan. 19, 1815; lived in Woburn. His wife d. April 14, 1841.

Children:

631. i. Submit Brown,[8] b. Nov. 29, 1815, d. Nov. 7, 1836.
632. ii. Esther Wyman,[8] b. Jan. 30, 1818; m. Horace Hatch, Oct. 12, 1841.
633. iii. Josephine Maria,[8] b. Feb, 16, 1819; m. Nason M. Hatch, May, 5, 1842.

431. Daniel[7] Thompson, (*Dr. Isaac Snow,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Standish, Me., Nov. 2, 1787; m. Deborah Fitch of Baldwin, Me., Feb. 26, 1821. She was the daughter of Richard Fitch of Baldwin, b. Sept. 5, 1790, and d. at Baldwin, April 1, 1827. In less than a year, March 18, 1827, her husband also died. They left one child, too young, at their death to appreciate his loss, which the traditions concerning them intimate must have been very great.

634. i. Daniel Josiah Pierce,[8] b. June 21, 1824, at Westbrook, Me., where his parents lived for a short time. He m. Georgine Urqhart Wibray, at Tremont, Ill., Dec. 4, 1851.

438. Hon. Daniel Pierce[7] Thompson, (*Daniel,*[5] *Daniel,*[6] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 1, 1795; m. Eunice K. Robinson, Aug. 31, 1831; settled in Montpelier, Vt., and d. June 5, 1868.

The incidents in such a life as that of the late Judge Thompson are so numerous and so crowded with interest that it is not an easy task to do complete justice to the man in any mere sketch of his career. As a man, a citizen, a lawyer, a judge, a secretary of State, an author

and a Christian, he was more than the words of a stranger, though a distant relative, can suitably portray.

In his boyhood, his parents removed from Charlestown to Berlin, Vt., just across the Onion river from the State Capital. Before he was twenty-one years of age, he taught district schools for a year or two, and, in 1820, he graduated from Middlebury College. After his graduation, he went to Virginia where, for several years, he was employed as private tutor in the vicinity of Alexandria, prosecuting meanwhile the study of law. Here he was at length admitted to the Bar and entered upon practice. About 1824, he returned to Vermont and opened a law office in Montpelier. Residing in Montpelier, he was, at different times, register of probate, clerk of the legislature, 1830-1833, compiler of a volume of statutes, 1835, county judge of probate, 1837-1840, clerk of the county, 1843-1845, clerk of the superior court, 1853, and secretary of State. Meanwhile, for quite a number of years, he was editor of the *Green Mountain Freeman* and almost constantly engaged as author of a history of Montpelier and of highly popular historical tales. Among these, "May Martin, or the Money Diggers" (1835), gained a prize offered by the "The New England Galaxy," and was many times reprinted in book form. Other works, almost, if not in some instances, quite as able and as popular, were "The Green Mountain Boys" (1840), "Locke Amsden," "Lucy Hosmer," "The Rangers, or the Tory's daughter," "The Adventures of Timothy," "Peacock," "Gaut Gurley, or the Trappers of Umbagog" (1857), "The Doomed Chief," "Centeola and Other Tales."

As a man, citizen, and member of the First Congregational Church of Montpelier, Judge Thompson was held in the highest esteem, and his death, June 6, 1868, one day before that of his kinsman and intimate friend, Gen. Abijah Thompson of Woburn, was deeply lamented wherever he had been known.

The children of Daniel Pierce[7] and Eunice K. (Robinson) Thompson, six in number, were:

635. i. George Robinson,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1834; m. Serafina Taplin, Oct. 19, 1858.
636. ii. Alma,[8] b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. Hon. George B. Burrows, Jan. 13, 1857.
637. iii. William Penn,[8] b. Nov. 5, 1839: m. Anna Edwards; and d. Sept. 28, 1873.
638. iv. Frances,[8] b. June 20, 1842; d. Nov. 23, 1858.
639. v. Daniel Greenleaf,[8] b. Feb. 9, 1850; m. Henrietta Gallup, March 31, 1881.
640. vi. Charles Sumner,[8] b. Dec. 12, 1851; d. Aug. 11, 1852.

The only daughter of Daniel P. Thompson who lived to maturity was Alma. She m., Jan. 13, 1857, Hon. Geo. B. Burrows, and removed to Madison, Wis., where she d. Feb. 9, 1883, aged forty-six years. The following is from a newspaper notice of this event: "A wide circle of friends, to whom Mrs. Burrows had endeared herself by her loving character and beautiful life, will hear with keen sorrow the tidings of her departure. But this result of a lingering and exhaustive illness, borne with remarkable patience, should rather be looked upon as a happy release from all the pains and sufferings of earth, and a translation into a completer life beyond. During her long residence in Madison, though she has suffered much from physical infirmities, she has ever manifested such a sunny cheerfulness and thoughtfulness for the happiness of others as to win the admiration and affection of all who knew her. From her girlhood an earnest Christian, and for thirteen years a faithful member of the Congregational Church in this city, she looked forward to her translation to the life immortal without fear, and even with joyful eagerness. From the weary waiting of the sick room, she has passed to the glad welcome of the skies."

440. Joseph Warren[7] Thompson (*Daniel*,[6] *Daniel*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. Dec. 13, 1802; m. 1, Fanny Wheeler, May 31, 1831. He was a farmer and resided in Berlin, Vt.

Children :

641. i. Charles Wheeler,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1832. m. Arabella Goodrich, Nov. 3, 1866.

642. ii. Alfred Bowers,[8] b. Oct. 31, 1834; m. Sally Bryant, April 16, 1885.

Fanny W. Thompson dying May 18, 1835, Joseph Warren[7] Thompson m. 2, Arvella J. Rolph, June 1, 1839, who d. June 6, 1870.

Children :

643. iii. Fanny Wheeler,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1844; m. Edwin Carleton, Dec. 22, 1870.

644. iv. Edward Warren,[8] b. Aug. 28, 1855; m. Carrie M. Bailey of St. Albans, Vt., June 3, 1886.

Joseph Warren[7] Thompson d. Oct, 23, 1870.

443. General Abijah[7] Thompson (*Major Abijah*,[6] *Sheriff Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was born at North Woburn, May 20, 1793. With but few early opportunities for educational culture, with only the ordinary social advantages of a small country village, and with none of the favoring circumstances sometimes found in wealth, his career furnishes a striking illustration of the success that native tact and energy, enforced by an irreproachable moral character, and an unswerving singleness of aim, may achieve. At the early age of seventeen he left his father's house, and, like many another youth, without experience and wholly unaided from without, embarked upon the tumultuous, and to him unknown, sea of business life. In a loose paper, discovered after his death, was found, in his own handwriting, the following condensed account of what followed this first step in his career: "In 1810, I left home at the age of seventeen to become an apprentice in the business of tanning and currying leather, and served four years. At the age of twenty-one I commenced business for myself, buying leather in the rough and dressing it with my own hands, in Medford. I began with two dollars capital, selling in small lots from

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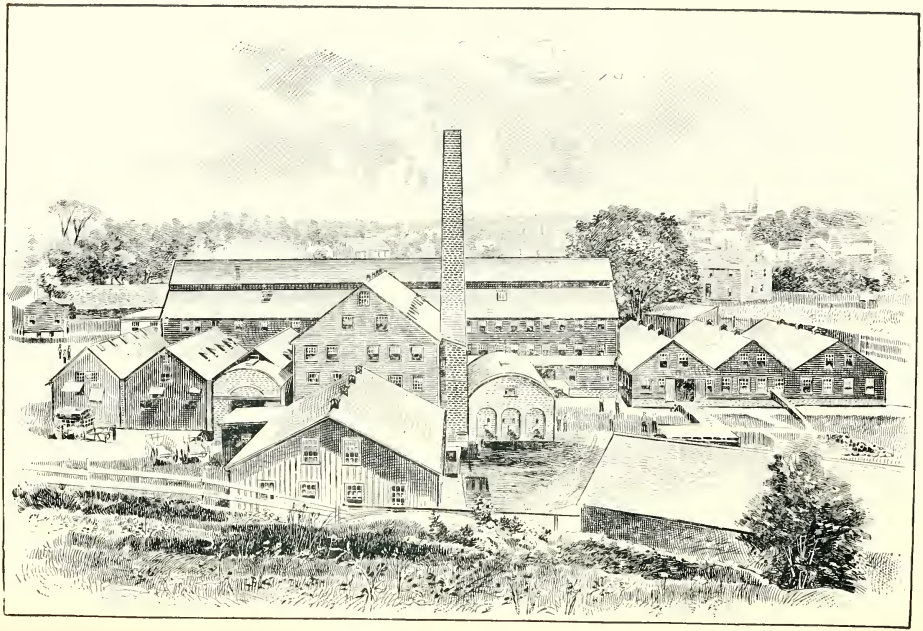

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one to six sides to shoemakers coming from adjoining towns, for one year. I then left and built a small tannery with sixteen vats in the west part of Woburn, grinding my bark with a horse and stone, and tanning what few hides I could find among the farmers, from one hundred to one hundred and fifty a year.

"I had two apprentices. Buying leather from the tanneries in the county and dressing it, I then took my horse and went to Reading, Stoneham, Malden and other adjoining towns, where I sold to shoemakers from four to five sides each about every other week. At the same time, I picked up the hides among the farmers as they killed their animals in the fall of the year. Thus I increased my business, as capital increased, for about ten years. I then bought a tract of fifteen acres of land with a small water privilege near the centre of the town. It was a very rough place, but I commenced clearing it up, built a dam, and, erecting a building, put down twenty vats, enlarging by degrees my business as I gained in capital, and each year putting down more vats. In 1835, finding my water power not sufficient for the business, I put in steam power and other machinery, and in 1836, I took in Stephen Dow as a partner." This short account involves details which a stranger would not even suspect. From these small beginnings, his business went on increasing in its extent and importance, until he was one of the largest and most successful manufacturers of leather in the United States; and by all who knew him he was ever regarded as no less honorable than he was successful. And when he retired, in 1866, from active participation in the business, though tanning and finishing leather at the rate of fifty thousand sides per annum, and having a large leather store in Boston, not one unpleasant word and not one suspicious look had ever occasioned a jar between him and his partner, or between him and any man with whom he was concerned. No suspicion of

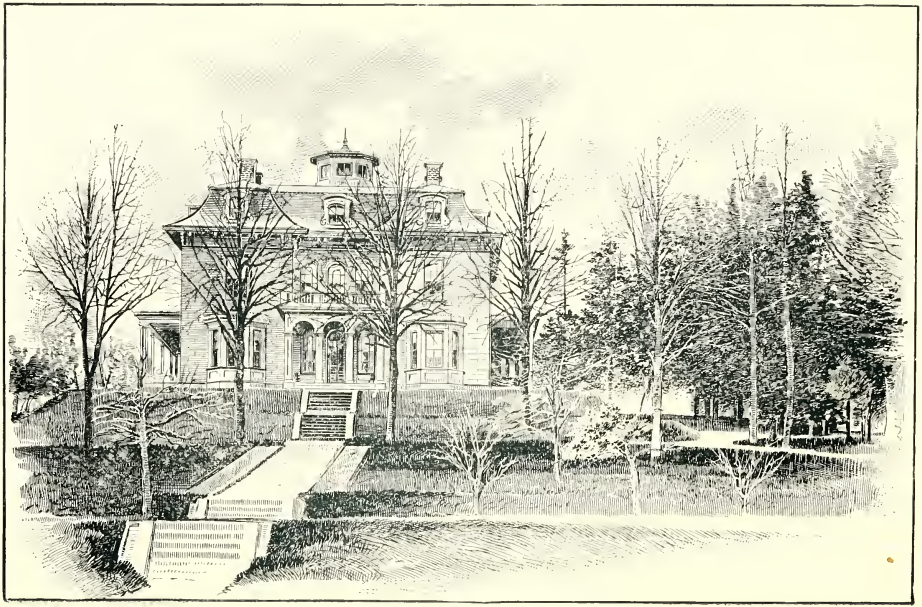
trick or unworthy resort to any species of sham ever rested upon him for a single day. He well knew what "the day of small things" meant, and he had his trials. But whatever else he sacrificed, he never sacrificed a principle, nor had a principle for sale.

In the early days of his enterprise, Gen. Thompson was obliged and not ashamed to practice the most rigid economy. When his young wife, then in very poor health, needed a nurse which he was not able to employ, he cheerfully became nurse himself, but removed his currying beam from his shop to the sick room, so that he could perform the double duty of shaving leather and caring for the sick one until her recovery.

Immense as his business finally became, and great as was the burden of care and responsibility resting upon him, no man was ever further removed from bluster or noisy pretense than Gen. Thompson. With wonderful equanimity, he always seemed calm, self-contained and unpretending. His speech never betrayed a loss of balance. Seeing and deploring the evils of intemperance and low and profane talk around him, he, for years, made it a law of his establishment that no intoxicating liquors and no profane language should be used by men in his employ. Those who were addicted to either and unwilling to abandon the bad habits, need not apply for employment. Yet the law was made and enforced so quietly, so wisely, and evidently so kindly, that there never was any "strike" and never any serious difficulty. To some of his workmen, the measure was the means of permanent reformation and very manifest benefit.

Gen. Thompson was one of those men who never sought and apparently never desired office. Yet offices from all quarters sought him. He had a fondness, perhaps inherited, for military life, and from the office of sergeant in 1824, he rose in 1826 to that of captain, in 1828 to that of major, and in 1835 to that of brigadier-

OLD HOMESTEAD OF GEN. ABIJAH THOMPSON.



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general ; the last mentioned commission being given by Gov. Armstrong, and the two former by Gov. Lincoln. In the town, he served several years on the board of selectmen. He was for many years president of the Woburn Bank, and also of the Woburn Five-Cent Savings Banks, one of the original directors of the Fanueil Hall Bank of Boston, a director of a bank in Charlestown, and for many years one of the active managers of the Middlesex Insurance Company in Concord.

Gen. Thompson was unquestionably one of the most public-spirited men ever resident in Woburn. No great and important enterprise failed to receive his sympathy and aid. He was among the first, if not the first, to move in the effort to secure the Woburn Branch Railroad, the Woburn Gas Company, and the Bank, of which he was long the president. In his relations to the parish and church of his choice, he was also ever ready to help on every good work. And always regretting his own early lack of educational advantages, he evinced a like interest in the schools and especially the Academy of his native town, of which he was a trustee and treasurer, and to which he left in his will a considerable sum of money, as he did also to the First Congregational Church of which from his early manhood he had been a member. Of his large fortune, variously estimated at from half a million to nearly a million of dollars, and all accumulated by his own honest industry and enterprise, it is pleasant to know that a large number of worthy objects received a share.

No account of Gen. Thompson can be complete if it leaves out of view his domestic relations. On the 29th of April, 1814, when he was not quite twenty-one years of age, he married Celende, daughter of Capt. William and Arathusa (Munroe) Fox of Woburn. The mutual experiences of joy and sorrow, of adversity and prosperity continued through more than fifty years of married life, proved that she was one of the best of wives and

mothers, and he one of the best of husbands and fathers. Of their "Golden Wedding," observed April 29, 1864, the papers gave a deeply interesting account. After various appropriate exercises, including music, addresses from Rev. Jonathan Edwards, a former pastor of the family, and Rev. Dr. J. C. Bodwell, the pastor at the time of the festival, the latter read the following poem :

TO MRS. AND MRS. THOMPSON :

Oh, time is busy with the long gone years,
And memory on her path of joys and tears
Now backward looks with cherished pride
On the youthful bridegroom and the blushing bride
Of fifty years ago !

Dear friends, the past is blissful present now,
Ye breathe anew the early marriage vow,
Feeling no more "Time's heavy fingers,"
A something still so freshly lingers
Round fifty years ago !

We come, good friends, yet in our hands we bear
No gift to make your palace-home more fair ;
We see the golden cup, 'tis sparkling o'er,
Till your full hearts can ask no more
For all your crowning years.

There is a flower which only deigns to bloom
At midnight hour, pouring a rich perfume ;
Unlike the flower, let this ambrosial eve
Its own pure fragrance on the spirit leave,
When this sweet hour is gone.

Oh, at the joyful gathering yet to come,
When Christ shall welcome His beloved home,
The church, His beauteous, chaste and honored bride,
He'll watch the portal, and He'll open wide
The glorious golden gate."

Before concluding this notice of Gen. Thompson, it is proper to add that the business firm of which he was the founder, and, for so many years, the principal, still remains, and though under other names, is active and prosperous. In 1836, his son-in-law, Stephen Dow, was received as a

MRS. JULIA ANN THOMPSON–DOYLE.

partner. In 1838, Horace Conn, and in 1842, B. F. Thompson were added to the firm, the latter, however, leaving it in 1842. In 1858, Franklin Abijah Thompson was received into the partnership, but by his death, in 1861, his place was left vacant. Horace Conn left the firm in 1863, and in 1866, Gen. Thompson himself retired, leaving S. Dow as the sole proprietor till 1871, when Alfred A. Dow and George C. Nichols were admitted members, the firm being known as Stephen Dow and Co. In 1875, Stephen Dow and George C. Nichols went out, and S. Henry Dow came into it; the latter dying in 1879, left Alfred A Dow alone till 1885, when Edward A. Dow was admitted, the old firm of Stephen Dow & Co., now consisting of the brothers, Alfred A. and Edward A. Dow. Stephen Dow d. very suddenly in Boston, Jan. 4. 1887.

Gen. Thompson d. June 7, 1868; his wife, Sept. 11, 1866.

They had four children:

645. i. Celende,[8] b. Feb. 13, 1816; m. Stephen Dow, May 24, 1836.
646. ii. Abijah,[8] b. June 13, 1818; d. Sept. 11, 1826.
647. iii. Julia Ann,[8] b. Sept. 16, 1827; m. J. B. Doyle, June 1, 1854; d. 1867.
643. iv. Abijah Franklin,[8] b. Sept. 17, 1829; m. Mary E. Wyman, May 15, 1851, and d. Aug. 5, 1861.

Celende[8] Thompson Dow, the elder of the two daughters of Gen. Abijah Thompson, had seven children, as follows:

1. Ellen Thompson,[9] b. May 28, 1838; m. 1, William T. Barrett, m. 2, George F. Ellis. One child: Mabel Thompson,[10] b. April 15, 1867.
2. Alfred Abijah,[9] b. April 6, 1841; m. Carrie F. Ellis. Children: 1, Alice Gertrude,[10] b. Aug. 25, 1864. 2, Williard Alfred,[10] b. April 18, 1866. 3, Edith Celende,[10] b. March 10, 1868. 4, Frederick Thompson,[10] b. June 23, 1877. 5, Julian Ellis,[10] b. July 6, 1879.
3. Harriet Josephine,[9] b. March 28, 1843; m. William H. Winn, and d. March 24, 1870. One child: William Henry,[10] b. March 25, 1869, and d. in early infancy.

4. James Henry,[9] b. Feb. 4, 1845; d. July 12, 1846.
5. Julia Thompson,[9] b. May 2, 1847; m. W. C. Pickering, Sept. 1, 1868, and d. May 14, 1880. Children: 1, Herbert Dow,[10] b. April 23, 1870. 2, Josie Belle,[10] b. June 25, 1872. 3, Harry Edward,[10] b. Nov. 18, 1874. 4, Nellie Gertrude,[10] b. March 28, 1876. 5. James William Churchill,[10] b. May 22, 1878.
6. Stephen Henry,[9] b. Sept. 12, 1848; m. Emma T.[8] daughter of Abijah[7] Thompson 2d, and son of Dea. Charles[6] Thompson, Oct. 24, 1869, and d. Aug. 19, 1879. Children: 1, Harry Abijah Thompson,[10] b. July 7, 1871. 2, Carl Stephen,[10] b. Aug. 13, 1874. 3, Emma Minnette,[10] b. Dec. 31, 1875. 4, Louis Hackett,[10] b. June 3, 1878.
7. Edward Augustus,[9] b. Sept. 29, 1857; m. Maria Le Clair, ——— 1886.

Julia Ann[8] Thompson Doyle, the younger of the two daughters of Gen. Abijah Thompson, d, Dec. 8, 1867. Children:

1. Julia Ann,[9] b. Sept. 8, 1885; d. Oct. 2, 1855.
2. William Baxter,[9] b. May 8, 1858; m. Minnie E. Cann, Oct. 18, 1881. One child: Harold Baxter,[10] b. Feb. 1, 1883.

445. Dea. Benjamin Franklin[7] Thompson (*Major Abijah*,[6] *Sheriff Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. at North Woburn, Jan. 18, 1799. To a considerable extent the story of his life is remarkably like that of his older brother, Abijah, with whom he was associated in his business career, more or less intimately, for several years. When still quite young, he left his home with his father's consent, and, with only the clothing he took with him and a small sum of money his father loaned him, became an apprentice in his brother's small manufactory in the west part of Woburn, and at the same time, an inmate of his brother's family. On reaching his majority in 1820, he removed to the town of Bedford, the early home of his mother, with the purpose of establishing there his business. But not satisfied with his prospects he soon returned to Woburn and commenced business on a small scale in 1823, in a long and narrow building, still standing in that part of the town now known as Cum-

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mingsville, and, after his marriage in April of that year, he lived in one end of the same building that was also his manufactory. The few hides finished each week were carried in a wagon to shoe shops, here and there, as they were wanted. Sometimes long journeys were taken to dispose of what, to-day, would seem a very insignificant amount of leather. Yet this was all for which there was then a demand, Somewhat later, the method of the business was varied by driving loads of leather to Boston, and, like the farmer with his vegetables, standing in some convenient nook of the open street, sometimes for hours, awaiting the coming of purchasers. Still later, a basement-room was taken in Broad street or North Market street, which, however, was open for business only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. And then, gradually was introduced the custom of occupying parts, or more rarely the whole, of stores as the gradually increasing business made this venture a necessity.

Gen. Abijah Thompson, having at length left his small manufactory in the west part of the town and built a new and larger one a little south of Pleasant street, near the Centre, his brother, Benjamin F., soon followed him. Here, erecting a new manufactory and dwelling-house, he considerably enlarged his business which from this began to assume dimensions of which he had once hardly dared to think. Here he took apprentices, not merely as learners of the trade, but as members also of his own household. Ere long, eight or ten young men were thus sharers, with his own children, in the kind care of both himself and his wife, and treated as if their own.

Though sometimes struggling with poor health and the depressing effects of his full share of trial and reverses, B. F. Thompson was not the man to sit down in despair. Whatever the form or degree of misfortune, he kept steadily on his way, his head always above the stormy waters, his debts always paid at maturity and every obligation faithfully and promptly met. And to this day the

business he founded has progressed under the same Firm name, but, since his death, vigorously managed by his sons.

As a business man, B. F. Thompson became an original stockholder in the Woburn Agricultural and Mechanic Association, and was a member of the board of directors from Jan 1, 1834 until 1839. He was also an original stockholder of the Woburn Bank and a member of the first board of directors, Jan. 1853, a position which he filled until his death in 1863. To enumerate the various offices he sustained in Woburn and Winchester, in the town, the parish, the Church, and the Sabbath School, would require many pages of detail. Though, like his brother, he never sought office and never seemed to desire it, he quietly met its demands when laid upon him, and with most patient fidelity executed them all.

Benjamin F. Thompson united with the First Congregational Church in Woburn, under the pastoral care of Rev. Joseph Chickering, June 1, 1817, when he was between eighteen and nineteen years of age. During the subsequent year, the first Sunday School in town was organized, and, young as he was, he was appointed one of the only three male teachers. In 1834 he was chosen superintendent of the school and retained the office till 1840, when, having sometime before removed to South Woburn, he became connected with a school recently organized there, and in 1841, became the superintendent. In 1836 he was chosen to the office of deacon of the First Church, an office for which he was specially fitted and which he honored until 1840, when he resigned it to fill, however the same office in the newly, organized Church at the South village. The story of his tireless and efficient, yet always noiseless and unpretending, activity in both Church and Sunday School, and in the general affairs and responsibilities of organizing and starting on its way the new town of Winchester, since so prosperous, cannot here be told. It is sufficient to say, that he was

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No. 1. First Leather Manufactory of Benj. F. Thompson, a part of the building being also his residence after his marriage in 1823. Still standing, in Cummingsville, Woburn.

No. 2. Leather Manufactory of B. F. Thompson in Winchester. Built 1844—1851.

No. 3. House of Dea. B. F. Thompson on Pleasant Street, Woburn, built by him in 1826-7. Here three of his four children were born.

No. 4. Family Lot of Dea. B. F. Thompson, in Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester.

No. 5. Residence of Dea. B. F. Thompson in Winchester, built in 1841, and occupied by him till his death, in 1863; seen across the water on the right, with stable near it. The second house on the left was his home in Winchester previous to 1841. On the eminence in the distance appears the Church, built in 1840, to which he contributed largely. Destroyed by fire in 1853.

every where alive with interest in every good enterprise. Though no fanatic, nor zealot, and not even a politician in the ordinary sense of either of these words, his quiet, blameless and steadfast life, every where and in all relations, made him a power for good, in the cause of temperance, of freedom, and of public as well as private virtue in every form. In his family, in his social life, in his shop, in his counting-room, in the town-meeting, in every department of life, he was just the same,—the same as in the Church and in the meeting for prayer, the consistent, unassuming, trusted Christian man. At the opening of the war of the Rebellion, he took a prominent position among those who urged its vigorous prosecution, and, as chairman of a Committee of Finance, presented a paper expressing briefly the reasons and motives which should prompt every lover of his country to contribute for the purpose of helping on the great enterprise then so urgent, signing his own name as a pledge for a liberal share of the needed money. Accustomed to give liberally and often to a great variety of important benevolent enterprises, he had no need in this to hesitate.

But before that fearful war was ended, he was suddenly summoned to the Land of Peace. His home, which was on the spot where Edward Converse, one of the first settlers of Woburn, built in 1640 the first house in town, within a stone's throw of the historic stream over which the same sturdy pioneer also built the first bridge, had been over-shadowed by death, but never before was the shadow so deep. On the morning of July 30, 1863, apparently in his usual health, and still as busy as ever, he left it, as he was constantly doing, at the call of business at a distance, but before he had ridden a mile, he was seen to suddenly fall from his carriage into the street. A friend at hand immediately went to him but found him dead.

The widow of Dea. Thompson, who had ever been a sympathing and excellent wife, after surviving him, a sincere mourner, between nineteen and twenty years, d.

Nov. 9, 1882. She was the daughter of Josiah Walker of Burlington, and m. April 1, 1823.

The children of Dea. Benjamin Franklin and Hannah (Walker) Thompson, four in number, were:

649. i. Chandler,[8] b. Aug. 25, 1824; d. Sept. 7 1826.
650. ii. Abijah,[8] b, July 29, 1827; m. Maria S. Swan, April 27, 1848.
651. iii. Martha Anne,[8] b. Dec. 13, 1828; d. April 9, 1841.
652. iv. Stephen,[8] b. Oct. 8, 1835; m. 1, Emma Norcross, Sept. 1860; 2, Sarah F. Snow, Sept. 11, 1866.

449. Dea. Charles Rosewell[7] Thompson, (*Dea. Charles,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, April 6, 1805; m. Elizabeth M. Johnson of Woburn, Dec. 10, 1829; and d. in Woburn, Nov. 27, 1886.

With only such advantages for acquiring an education as were afforded by the common schools of the town, his mind, naturally active and strong, stored up a large amount of information on many of the important subjects that, from time to time, became prominent. He read much, but thought a great deal more, and was almost invariably prepared to express, independently, his own clear and well-digested views upon theology, morals, politics, and nearly every question that ever interests men in ordinary life. He had a strong taste for antiquarian research, and, if he had possessed time and opportunity for research, his interest, together with a wonderfully tenacious and exact memory, would have given him rare success in that kind of enterprise.

He was a strong friend of moral reform. In the days of discussion upon slavery, no one could ever for a moment be in doubt on which side he would give his influence and vote. He always insisted that slavery was a blot upon the nation's character and a lie to the nation's boastful claims.

In the cause of temperance he never hesitated how to act. Always, everywhere, and in all relations, he was a consistent and persistent abstainer from all intoxica-

ting liquors and an earnest advocate for the principle and practice of temperance in Church, in politics and in society. There was a time when he met with bitter opposition in this course, and this opposition was carried even to the point of persecution, and more than once to the wanton destruction of his property. But this never once shook his purpose and never changed his course.

Having learned in Woburn the trade of a carriage trimmer and harness maker, he adhered to this business to nearly the close of his long life. With the exception of a year or two in Medway, Mass., he always followed this business in Woburn, and for fifty-seven years, in North Woburn, living, during all this time, until the last few weeks of his life, in the same house. In his business relations, he was universally recognized as a man whose word and work were alike reliable to a very marked degree. If *he* said or did a thing, no one thought of doubting or even qualifying the character of the result.

He united with the First Congregational Church of Woburn in the spring of 1827, and remained a member till 1849, when, with others, he united in the organization of the North Church of which he was an honored deacon from the first till the close of his life. He was also the first Superintendent of the Sabbath School and held the office for many years, till increasing infirmities compelled him to resign it to a younger brother.

His death occurred suddenly, Nov. 27, 1886, when in the eighty-second year of his age. At the funeral, which was in the church, the pastor spoke of him with great tenderness as a man on whose character and memory no blot rested, whose ceaseless diligence in business was always joined to fervency of spirit, while he equally served the Lord in both. In his benevolence, his steadfastness, his active usefulness, his consistent life even to the last, he was declared to be a man of rare excellence, for whose example the community in which he lived so long had reason to be thankful.

The children of Dea. Charles R.[7] and Elizabeth Munroe (Johnson) Thompson were:

653. i. Rosewell[8], b. June 13, 1833; m. Helen A. Scoville, Feb. 22, 1867.
654. ii. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. Sept. 26, 1835; d. Nov. 11, 1840.
655. iii. Mary Faustina,[8] b. Aug. 1, 1843; m. James W. Goodwin, Nov. 5, 1861.

Mr. Goodwin, b. in Chatham, New Brunswick, March, 1841, joined the eleventh regiment of Mass. volunteers in Feb. 1862. He was a very brave and faithful soldier, and received his death wound in the battle of Gettysburg, from which he died a few hours subsequently in Baltimore, Md., July 18, 1862. A daughter, Lizzie Belle[9], born subsequently, was a child of remarkable attainments and promise, but d. on the verge of young womanhood, Nov. 28, 1877.

450. Henry[7] Thompson (*Dea. Charles*,[6] "*Sheriff*" *Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in North Woburn, Aug. 7, 1807; m. 1. Diantha Sloan, Dec. 15, 1830, who d. Oct. 31, 1832, leaving one child.

656. i. Henry Albert,[8] b. Oct. 1832, and d. in infancy, Dec. 1832.

Henry[7] m. 2. Caroline S. Chase, June 7, 1833, and had:

657. ii. Charles Henry,[8] b. Jan. 7, 1836; d. Jan. 11, 1836.
658. iii. Caroline Chase,[8] b. Sept. 9, 1839; d. Sept. 29, 1839.
659. iv. John Addison,[8] b. Dec. 3, 1842; lives in Woburn unm.

Henry[7] Thompson has always resided in his native village, and for about fifty years in the same house. He has also, during a large part of his life, followed the same business; that of a blacksmith, which had been followed by several of his more immediate ancestors and relatives. Added to this, he has given some attention to farming. In his younger years, he was much interested in military life and was a member of the Lexington artillery, of which his cousin Abijah, afterward General Thompson, was commander. In municipal affairs, except that he served for some time on the board

of overseers of the poor, he has rarely taken much active part beyond always *voting* for temperance, good order, and good rulers.

452. Rev. Leander[7] Thompson (*Dea. Charles*,[6] *Sheriff Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in North Woburn, March 7, 1812, united with the first Congregational Church of Woburn, in July, 1827; fitted for college in Warren Academy, Woburn; entered Amherst College, in 1831, and graduated in 1835. After graduating in 1838 from Andover Theological Seminary, supplied a pulpit in Granby, Mass., nearly one year, and sailed from Boston for Syria and the Holy Land, with others, in Jan., 1840, as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Was a teacher in the high school in Beirût, and besides the duties of this office and other ordinary duties of a missionary, preached in turn with others on the Sabbath at the American Consulate in the city. While he was thus engaged, the first in a succession of terrible wars convulsed the land. After living for many weeks in the midst of scenes of horror and peril which seemed to have their centre in and around Beirût, the missionaries were obliged to flee, in the midst of cannon balls and bullets, screams, and groans, for their lives. Some sailed for Cyprus, and some in an Austrian steamer went down the coast 100 miles or more to Jaffa, anciently called Joppa, the seaport of Jerusalem. After being held in "durance vile" for two weeks in a filthy oriental lazaretto at Jaffa, the party left that city for Jerusalem, forty-five miles distant, among the mountains of Judea, in the hope of finding there a comparative exemption from the excitements and perils of the previous few weeks. In this hope they were disappointed. The excitement in a short time reached the Holy City. A large body of armed men, mostly of the semi-civilized Arabs of the country sur-

rounded the city and threatened it with siege. With a prospect of being soon short of provisions and water, with the incessant confusion, noise, and apprehension day and night, shut up within the closed gates, and no opportunity for a considerable time of sending or receiving letters, and added to all this, the intense heat of summer in a hot climate, it was not strange that most of the little company of Americans sank down at last with exhaustion. A considerable number of them were seized with violent fever, and there were not enough who were well to take proper care of the sick. Among the latter was L. Thompson, who, till then, had never been severely sick in his life. The illness was long and dangerous. For some time the result was regarded by all as very doubtful. Gradually, however, there was so much improvement, that, though still weak, he ventured in midwinter, to return to Beirût, the turmoil there having subsided. But he had scarcely more than settled down again to his work, before another war broke out, and this, during less than four years, was followed in rapid succession, by a third and then a fourth. Though not so immediately affecting Beirût as the first, the excitement was intense, and the distant but visible scenes of blood along the slopes of Mount Lebanon, were fearful in their savage ferocity and results. Still in an enfeebled condition, he pursued his work, till he was seized with a very severe type of chills and fever, a disease common and extremely obstinate in that country. After having long struggled in vain to throw it off, and finding himself gradually failing, he took the advice of some of his best friends on the ground as also in Turkey and in the United States, and reluctantly left the country for home which he safely reached, after having been under the direction of the board of missions a little less than four years.

Since the return, though with a sadly shattered constitution and never possessing vigorous health, he has,

with several intervals of prostration, too great for work, led a life of almost incessant work. For seven years he was a pastor in South Hadley, Mass.; for thirteen, a pastor at West Amesbury (now Merrimac), and for a less number of years was stated supply at Wolfborough, N. H., and in his native town. During the last few years, unable longer to preach, he has resided without pastoral charge in his native village, and in the house in which he was born; engaged largely in literary pursuits, in historical and other research, and in writing. In the three towns in which he has longest lived, he has been a member, and a part of the time chairman, of the school board. Besides a memoir of Rev. B. F. Hosford, of Haverhill, and a centennial history of Woburn schools, he has written articles for papers, monthly and quarterly magazines, etc., too numerous to mention in detail.

Rev. Leander[7] Thompson, m. Nov. 6, 1839, Anne Eliza, only daughter of Samuel and Mary (Clark) Avery of Wolfborough, N. H.

Children:

660. i. Charles Henry,[8] b. in Jerusalem, Palestine, Sept. 27, 1840, and d. in Beirût, Syria, Oct. 16, 1841.

661. ii. Edwin Wheelock,[8] b. in Beirût, Dec. 13, 1841, and d. in South Hadley, Mass., Sept. 28, 1849.

662 iii. Mary Avery,[8] b. in South Hadley, March 25, 1844; d. Feb. 10, 1846.

663. iv. Everett Augustine,[8] b. March 28, 1847, in South Hadley; grad. Amherst College, 1871; assistant teacher in the high school at Woburn five years; in charge of the classical department of Springfield, High School eight years. At present resides, unm, in Woburn.

664. v. Anne Eliza,[8] b. in South Hadley, Oct. 29, 1848; d. Sept. 6, 1849.

665. vi. Samuel Avery,[8] b. in Wolfborough, N. H., Oct. 16, 1850; m. Harriet Ella Carter of Woburn, Nov. 27, 1879.

456. Abijah[7] Thompson, (*Dea. Charles,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was born in North Woburn, May, 22, 1823; m. Tryphena P. Hackett of Wilton,

N. H. Oct. 24, 1844, and resides in Woburn. His business has been, for many years, that of a merchant or a salesman for other merchants in Boston or Woburn. For a considerable number of years, he has been a deacon in the First Congregational Church in which his father was an officer before him.

During the second year of the late War of the Rebellion, July 23, 1862, he joined Co. K. of the 39th Massachusetts Regiment, commanded by Col. P. Stearns Davis, and left the State for Washington Sept. 6 following. At Washington, the Regiment went into barracks, provided for them, to await orders. In a few weeks they were sent to Orfutt Cross Roads, and, after remaining there for some time in camp, they were ordered to proceed to Big Muddy Branch. From this place, they were sent to Poolsville where they went into camp for the winter, a part of the men being detailed to guard Edwards and Conrad Ferries, as the Rebels often made raids into Poolsville and surrounding towns. In the spring, they were ordered back to Washington to do Provost duty. In June, 1863, all the troops that could be spared, were ordered to proceed to Gettysburg, but the regiment, on reaching Berlin on their way to that fearful scene of battle, were met by the news that, as the rebels had been driven back into Virginia, they were not needed. They accordingly returned to Virginia and Maryland.

In a communication giving a brief account of incidents in his army experience, Abijah Thompson wrote: "I was in the following battles and raids: — Mine River, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Toloponny Creek, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Charles City Cross Roads, Petersburg, Hatchers' Run, Gravelly Run, Weldon Rail Road and Five Forks. In addition to the above our Corps (Gen. Warren commanding), made two raids on the Weldon Road for the purpose of destroying it. We arrived at the place in the night

and were at once ordered to throw up breast-works, inasmuch as the rebels were expected to make an effort to drive us away in the morning. And, sure enough, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, they came out of the woodlands in a heavy line of battle on both our east and north. The battle was sharp and decisive. The rebels were glad to surrender. On the east we took about seven or eight hundred prisoners, and on the north, from 1,000 to 1,500. After the battle, a large number were detailed to go out and bury the dead and bring in the wounded. It was a fearful sight. Many of the men were literally torn to pieces by our batteries. We then tore up the railroad for miles, piled up the sleepers and, putting the rails upon the wood, set the piles on fire. The heat so bent the rails that they could not be used again.

"This was not only a very successful raid, but it was accomplished without the loss, on our part, of a single man.

"In one of the battles on the Weldon Railroad, we lost 250 men, thirty-seven being from Co. K. Four of us escaped. The two rebels who took me, I in turn took as prisoners, and turned them over to the Provost Guard. I was prisoner only about a half hour. Out of thirty-three who went to rebel prisons, only about ten came home alive.

"During the Wilderness campaigns, which occupied about thirty days, we did not, on an average, get more than four or five hours of sleep per day. We were kept at either fighting or marching, or throwing up breast-works. I was never wounded, never sick enough to go to the hospital, did not use tobacco in any form, or liquors of any kind. While the regiment was in Washington, I received a furlough to go home for seven days, and also our Captain Kingsley, who was afterwards killed at Gravelly Run. We returned together, and the Captain said to me, 'Sergeant

Thompson, I shall never go home alive.' It seemed to be impressed upon him that he was to be killed, and he was killed. I saw him when he was hit by a minie-ball, he being only about one rod from me. One of the best of men; every one who knew him loved and respected him.

"For the three years I was in the army, I did most of the campaign writing, making out the pay-rolls, etc. When in winter quarters, I also did considerable writing for the Adjutant of the Regiment.

"One little incident I should like to mention. As our corps was marching towards Rapidan and James rivers, after a march of several days, it being very hot and dusty, about the middle of June, we were ordered to stack arms and all go in bathing in the James. Just here there was a bend in the river, and I can assure you it was a grand sight. From 12,000 to 15,000 men were all in the river together."

Abijah and Tryphena P (Hackett) Thompson have had but one child.

666. 1. Emma Tryphena,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1849; m. S. Henry Dow, Oct. 24 1869. He was a son of Stephen and Celende (Thompson) Dow and a grandson of Gen. Abijah[7] Thompson. He d. Aug. 17, 1879. They had four children:

1. Harry Abijah Thompson[9], b. July 7, 1871.
2. Carl Stephen[9], b. Aug. 13, 1874.
3. Emma Minnette[9], b. Dec. 31, 1875.
4. Louis Hackett[9], b. June 3, 1878.

457. Edward Everett[7] Thompson (*Dea. Charles*,[6] "*Sheriff Abijah*"[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in North Woburn, Dec. 18, 1826; m. Sarah S. Hackett of Wilton, N. H., a sister of his brother Abijah's wife. Like Abijah, his home has always been in Woburn, and like him and his father before him, he is a deacon in the First Congregational church, as his older brother, Charles R., was a deacon in the North Congregational church of Woburn. Like his brother Abijah, he too

was for quite a number of years a merchant, the two being for a considerable time in company, and Edward E. post-master for the North Village. For many of his later years he has devoted himself to municipal and miscellaneous business. For twenty-five years he has been a justice of the peace; for seventeen years, a member of the board of selectmen, being chairman one year, and clerk twelve years; for ten years he has been clerk of the water board and water registrar; for six years a special commissioner for Middlesex county; for seven years, treasurer of the Woburn five cent savings bank, and in 1871, representative to general court. Besides these secular offices, he has been, as before intimated, a deacon of the First Church, eight, years; superintendent of the North Church Sabbath School, five years; a superintendent of the First Church Sabbath School, ten years; collector and treasurer of the First Congregational parish, Woburn, ten years, and a member of the Church Aid Committee of the Woburn Conference, six years.

Children:

667. i Anne Eliza,[9] b. June 6, 1854; m. Charles M. Strout, Feb. 15, 1876, and resides in Woburn. Children: 1, Charles Everett Bertrand,[10] b. Sept. 22, 1877; 2, Percy Thompson,[10] b. June 22, 1883.

668. ii. Sarah Lillian,[9] b. April 28, 1858; m. Charles W. Smith, Sept. 14, 1881, and resides in Woburn. Children: 1. Edith Lillian,[10] b. July 31, 1882; 2, George Willard,[10] b. May 1, 1884.

461. Alpha Elbridge Thompson[7] (*Alpha*,[6] "*Sheriff Abijah*,[5]" *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Montvernon, N. H., Oct. 27, 1815; m. Mary Hill of Woburn, Feb. 27, 1844, who d. very suddenly Oct. 5, 1874. His father returning from Andover to Woburn in the childhood of his only surviving son, the latter has resided in this home of his ancestors ever since. In early life, he entered one of the oldest stores in town, and at length succeeding his employers, remained as principal in the

same establishment for many years, leaving it only in the recent past. In 1863, 4, 5, he was a member of the board of selectmen, and clerk of the board. Again, in in 1871, 1875, 1877, 1878, he was a member of the same board and was chairman. For five years, beginning with 1875, he was water commissioner. July 1, 1853, he was appointed post master of Woburn and served about eight years. June 12, 1851, he received the appointment of notary public for Middlesex county, and at the expiration of the commission, was reappointed, the last appointment being dated April 28, 1886.

In 1880, he was Democratic candidate for Lieutenant governor, and received 110,599 votes. Hon. Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester being, at the same time and on the same ticket, candidate for governor.

Alpha E.[7] and Mary (Hill) Thompson had two children :

669. i. Mary Enna,[8] b. May 30, 1847; m. John A. Reynolds, Oct. 30, 1872, and lives in Cambridge.

670. ii. Albert,[8] b. March 7, 1853; unm.; resides in Woburn.

463. Hon. Charles[7] Thompson (*Timothy*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*,[1]) was b. in Charlestown, July 9, 1798; m. Nancy Wyman, Jan. 24, 1821, and d. Nov. 13, 1871. His wife, b. in Charlestown, May 6, 1798; d. Nov. 19, 1880.

Charles Thompson was a well-known iron merchant and a prominent citizen of Charlestown, active in all municipal and public affairs; a state senator and member of the governor's council, the first Democratic candidate for mayor after the organization of the city government, and, at one time, the Democratic candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor.

The following amusing account from an article in the *Charlestown Enterprise*, for March, 14, 1885, and entitled "A Noted Family," is not inappropriate in this connection :

"The Thompsons were naturally prominent in public matters, and it was claimed that they divided all the honors among themselves. When the Charlestown city government was organized, Charles Thompson, who had been a moderator of the old town meetings for a number of years, was nominated for mayor. At an opposition meeting the late Judge G. Washington Warren was nominated for the same office and was elected. A prominent citizen on being asked by a friend if he would vote for Thompson for mayor, replied, 'No! It has been Thompson for breakfast, for dinner, and for supper, and I have had enough of it.' Now it happened that Judge Warren was a connection of the Thompson family, he having married for his second wife Georgianna Thompson, daughter of Joseph Thompson, a brother of Dr. Abraham R. The day after the election our beforementioned 'prominent citizen,' was asked by his friend as to why he had voted for a Thompson, after having rebelled against them. 'You bet I did not!' was the hot reply of the p. c. His friend answered, 'Yes, but you did. It doesn't matter whether you voted for Uncle Charles or Cousin George."

Hon. Charles[7] and Nancy (Wyman) Thompson had eight children :

671. i. Charles,[8] b. in Charlestown. March 29, 1822; m. Emma Davison, June 29, 1847, was for some time American consul at Yucatan, and d. in Boston, March 27, 1863.

672. ii. Sarah Ann,[8] b. Dec. 10, 1823; m. William Holmes, Esq., Sept. 5, 1848, and d. in Charlestown, May 30, 1865.

673. iii. Francis,[8] b. Dec. 29, 1826; m. Ruth S. Welch, Oct. 11, 1855, and d. Aug. 30, 1885.

674. iv. Edwin,[8] b. April 12, 1828, a merchant; d. in Boston, June 17, 1886.

675. v. Ellen Elvira,[8] b. Feb. 4, 1830; d. June 3, 1835, in Charlestown.

676. vi. Henry Augustus,[8] b. Sept. 1, 1832; d. Oct. 7, 1837, in Charlestown.

677. vii. Ellen Maria,[8] b. Feb. 4, 1835; m. J. G. Doubleday, March 29, 1857, and resides in New York.

678. viii. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. May 6, 1837; m. Edward A. Abbott, June 11, 1856, and resides in Boston.

474. Samuel T.[7] Thompson (*Timothy*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Aug. 15, 1815; m. 1, Elizabeth L. Johnson, August 18, 1836. They had one child:

679. i. Jane Elizabeth,[8] b. June 2, 1837; d. Sept. 2, 1837.

Elizabeth L. (Johnson) d. Aug, 25, 1837, and Samuel T[7] m. 2, Harriet R. Peck, Dec. 9, 1840. She was b. in Medford, June 5, 1823.

Children:

680. ii. Harriet E.,[8] b. in Medford, Dec. 15, 1842; d. Oct. 1, 1844.
681. iii. Samuel S.,[8] b. in Charlestown, Sept, 5, 1844; m. (?) July 22, 1868, A clerk, Closter, New Jersey.
682. iv. Timothy,[8] b. in Medford, Sept. 3, 1846; m. Agnes C. Tuite, Sept. 21, 1881. A clerk in New York city.
683. v. Maurice R.,[8] b. in Medford, May 25, 1849; m. Addie F. Fowler, Oct. 28, 1873. Civil engineer, Philadelphia, Vineland, N. J., residence.
684. vi. Frederick P.,[8] } twins, } b. in Medford, Dec. 13, 1852.
685. vii. Isabelle P.,[8] }

Freedrick P., m. (?) June 28, 1880, and is a civil engineer, New York city.

Isabelle P., m. May 17, 1873.

The following names, apparently of grandchildren of Samuel T.[7] and Harriet R. (Peck) Thompson, are given here instead of in the eighth generation, where their parents will probably appear at the heads of families, inasmuch as the parent or parents are not, in the record, so connected with the children as to admit of the usual arrangements.

686. Timothy,[9] b. in Morrison, May 17, 1871.
687. Perry,[9] b. in Englewood, N. J., July 31, 1874.
688. Victor F.,[9] b. Feb. 3, 1876.
689. Raymond P.,[9] b. in Vineland, N. J., Dec. 17, 1885.

476. Edward Turner[7] Thompson (*Timothy*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, May 26, 1819; m. Martha C. Hutchins, b. in Newcastle, Me., March 1, 1821, Oct, 31, 1842. He d. in Cambridge, June 25, 1881. She d. also in Cambridge, Jan. 19, 1886.

Children :

690. i. Sarah S.,[8] b. in Charlestown, Feb. 22, 1844; m. George T. Hall, Nov. 2, 1865. Lives in Wellesley, Mass.
691. ii. Delia M.,[8] b. March 11, 1846 in Boston; unm.; d. in Cambridge, Sept. 19, 1872.
692 iii. Ella M.,[8] b. Aug. 30, 1848, in Boston; unm.; lives in Cambridge.
693. iv. Edward H.,[8] b. Sept. 16, 1850; m. Ada A. Ward, May 5, 1886. Cambridge.
694. v. Edgar R., b. March 28, 1853, in Chelsea; m. Maria Connell, Nov. 8, 1881. Cambridge.
695. vi. Hubert,[8] b. Dec. 27, 1857, in East Boston; d. there, April 14, 1885.
696. vii. Susan W.,[8] b. Dec. 18, 1860, in East Boston; unm; d. in Cambridge, Oct. 31, 1885.
697. viii. Jennie,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1862, in East Boston; d. Feb. 7, 1863, in East Boston.

478. Samuel Adams[7] Thompson (*Samuel*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown; m. Frances Ann Jones, Aug. 22, 1828, resided at one time in Philadelphia, and d. in Marshall, Michigan, July 22, 1832.

Children :

698. i. Rebecca Jones,[8] b. Dec. 16, 1829; d. young.
699. ii Francis Henry,[8] b. in Philadelphia, Pa. Dec. 3, 1831; m. Fannie H. Thomas, lived in Worcester, Mass., where he d. Sept. 1875.

482. George[7] Thompson (*Dr. Abraham R*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Aug. 26, 1803; m. Mary Hersey Morton, Nov. 11, 1833; resided in Milton, Mass., where he d. Jan. 26, 1857, without children.

The following sketch of the life and career of George Thompson, by his friend, Hon. Nathaniel F. Safford, of Milton, Mass., will be here appropriate.

GEORGE THOMPSON.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son of Dr. Abraham R. Thompson, known during a long and active life as an eminent practitioner in the medical profession in Charlestown, Boston and vicinity.

"Dr. Thompson had a large family of sons and daughters, all of whom had the advantages of an excellent education in the schools of Charlestown, or in the usual course of seminary or academic instruction of that period. George, one of his sons, began business as a merchant in copartnership under the style of G. and J. L. Thompson, at Long Wharf, Boston, under favorable circumstances, which continued with a good measure of success until near the close of the serious financial disasters of 1836. During the severity of that crisis, they adopted the hazardous policy of liquidating all their indebtedness incurred under heavy merchantile engagements, out of ready available assets, in entire confidence that such would suffice to leave an ample margin, and maintain an established credit. After reducing the principal burden of such indebtedness to a comparative minimum, their expectations proved delusive, and insolvency supervened. At the close of affairs and dissolution of the firm, disheartened at the result, he refused all offers to re-embark in any business enterprise based upon capital or obligation not his own, such as would incur the ordinary or possible hazard of mercantile adventure. Removing to Roxbury, and subsequently to Milton, he engaged in the purchase and improvement of real estate and the negotiation of sale and purchase of large tracts of valuable estates, as real estate agent, at a period when subsequent advances and improvements could not have been realized. While thus busied, he was active in ordinary local engagements as postmaster, magistrate, and auctioneer. Having purchased the estate on Milton Hill, of about twelve acres, he built thereon the mansion house in the year 1848, which he occupied at his decease; the same now occupied by Rev. F. Frothingham. He purchased the Academy Hill lands, and subdivided them into lots, in the locality of the meeting-houses, where "nought but the bells was ever heard," where progress has been gradual and investments pre-

mature ; notwithstanding that recent substantial and expensive public edifices, Town Hall, High School, and other public buildings, together with the many public ways now centering in that locality, and the increased investments for private residence in that salubrious, central, and elevated locality, render it one of the most attractive sections of the town. In this brief period of his residence in Milton, he was foremost and constant in his effort to advance public improvement, and initiate some practicable mode of securing railroad facilities to the large and unbisected townships of Dorchester and Milton, their background beleaguered by the then formidable obstacles of the Blue Hill Range. First of all he visited Fall River and New Bedford in conference, with the projectors of the Fall River Railroad project, to discuss the merits of meeting the Old Colony Railroad at South Braintree, or by direct and independent route through Milton to Boston, or to a junction with Old Colony Railroad at Harrison Square, over the northernly portion of same route, now used as the Shawmut Branch. Else, should these enterprises prove impracticable, to adopt and secure as an alternative a Dorchester and Milton Branch from Mattapan to Neponset, about three and a third miles.

"In consultation with those interested, he caused surveys to be made of the least objectionable routes, or of portions of the same, presented his views of their comparative advantages, and attended with a committee of eighteen of prominent citizens of the towns of Milton and Dorchester, chosen at a public meeting, subsequently held at Fall River in conference with those representing that interest. He subsequently rendered more efficient aid in the establishment of the Dorchester Milton Branch R. R., which now counts forty years of most beneficial service since its opening.

"Mr. Thompson, by his education, reading, ready apprehension, discernment, affable deportment, and

knowledge of public affairs, became prominent as a presiding officer in conventions, political assemblies, and municipal affairs, represented in the localities from which he came.

"His decease occurred at his residence in Milton, January 26, 1857. Age 53. His remains are deposited in the 'Morton' tomb, in Milton cemetery. His widow, Mrs. Mary H. Morton Thompson, was a lineal descendant, in direct line, from George Morton, whose marriage is recorded in city records at Leyden, and who arrived at Plymouth in the 'Ann' in 1823. Her birth, Dec. 31, 1805; married, Nov. 11, 1833; died at the 'Morton Place,' Milton, April. 23, 1886. Age 80 yrs., 3 mos. They left no descendants."

485. Jeremiah Bowers[7] Thompson (*Dr. Abraham R.*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*[2], *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Jan. 9, 1809; m. Hannah Maria Skinner, April 14, 1835. She was the daughter of John Skinner of Charlestown, where she was b. March 15, 1810. He followed the business of a merchant, and d. at Cardenas, Cuba, Jan. 21, 1846, aged 37 years.

Children:

700. i. Abraham Rand,[8] b. Aug. 22, 1836. He is cashier in the Navy Pay Office, Boston; unmarried.

701. ii. Samuel Bowers,[8] b. August 12, 1838; Assistant Wharfinger, Damon's Wharf; d. unmarried, Nov. 21, 1869.

702. iii. John Skinner,[8] b. July 2, 1840; is Deputy Collector of Taxes, Cook County, Illinois; m. Mrs. Frances E. Gillette, at Chicago, Ill., February, 1871.

Since the foregoing was written, and just as the manuscript was about to pass into other hands, the following notice of Jeremiah B. Thompson was received from his son, Abraham R. Thompson, Esq., of Boston:—

JEREMIAH BOWERS THOMPSON.

Jeremiah Bowers Thompson was the third son of Dr. Abraham R. Thompson, of Charlestown, Mass., an emi-

nent practitioner, known far and wide over the State, and always prominent in the affairs of his town, being held in high esteem, and descended in the seventh generation from James Thompson, one of the first settlers of Woburn, in 1642. He (and a twin brother) was born in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 9, 1809, and was educated in the public schools, at a private school in Billerica, Mass., the birthplace of his mother, and at the admirable school of Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, in Charlestown, where he finished his education. He was a good scholar, and very popular with his classmates. On leaving school, he engaged with Messrs. Dexter & Almy, wholesale dry-goods merchants, in Central Street, Boston, and by these high-minded men was educated to the mercantile profession. He remained with them for a few years, and at the age of twenty-one he entered into a General Commission and Shipping Business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles B. Fessenden, under the style of Fessenden & Thompson, and it is not too much to say that this house stood as fair as to reputation and prospects as any in Boston, up to the memorable year of 1837, when they were obliged to suspend, as were tens of thousands of others throughout the land. In the years 1838–39, he was agent for Messrs. J. Thayer & Co., of New Orleans, and travelled extensively through the West, purchasing hemp and other merchandise for that firm. At this time he was an applicant for a purserships in the United States Navy, but was unsuccessful in his application, although he had strong and influential friends, among them Gov. Davis and others. During the years 1838 to 1844, he travelled extensively in the South and West, to Havana, Cuba, where he was employed by Mr. John W. Damon (a partner of Tudor, the Ice King), who held him in high esteem, and made a voyage as supercargo to South America, visiting Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, and Montevideo. At Rio, in 1842, he met and was entertained by Commodore

Morris, Captains Farragut, Gouldsborough, Palmer, Armstrong, Wilson, Edson, and others of the United States Navy, at that time officers of the United States ships "Delaware," "United States," "Richmond," and "Potomac." Some of these officers won renown in the battles of the Rebellion. In 1844 he went into business with Mr. Taylor, of Cuba, a very worthy man, son of a gentleman of great wealth and high qualities, under the style of Taylor & Thompson. They established their business at Cardenas, about one hundred miles from Havana, and up to the time of his death, which occurred on Jan. 21, 1846, carried on a highly successful and profitable business. He m. Hannah Maria Skinner, daughter of John Skinner, April 14, 1835, and the fruit of that union was three sons, viz.: —

Abraham Rand Thompson, b. Aug. 22, 1836, and at present (1887) Cashier Navy Pay Office, Boston.

Samuel Bowers Thompson, born August 12, 1838, died November 21, 1869, aged 31 years.

John Skinner Thompson, born July 2, 1840; married Frances Emily Gillette, February 23, 1871, and at present (1887) deputy collector of taxes, Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois.

He was an extraordinary man. Endowed with good natural abilities, combining, in a rare degree, clearness of purpose with calmness of thought, united with great energy of character. He regarded this world as a proper place for active occupation and rational enjoyment. Being fully persuaded that all true self-enjoyment must be founded on true self-respect, he was early imbued with a deep sense of the value of character founded on principle and regulated by justice and truth. He thoroughly abhorred everything false or mean, and magnified his calling and made it honorable in his own mind by a full conviction that an upright and honorable merchant held equal rank with any other man in any department of society. He was a man of the most strict integrity,

and was beloved by all who knew him. It was a first-rate passport to say, "I was with Bowers Thompson." He was a strong Whig in politics; fond of shooting, and devoted to the game of whist. His friends were of the highest respectability, and he had such a fund of general information and was so very sedate in his manners, with a frank face and noble appearance, of large stature, that by many of his friends in the United States and in Cuba he was called "the Judge."

He died after a short illness, in the flush of life and fulness of his manly powers, mourned by all who knew him, on the "Sta." Amelia, the residence of his partner's father (Mr. Taylor), near Cardenas, Cuba, where rest his mortal remains.

488. James Lingan[7] Thompson (*Dr. Abraham R.*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 11, 1812. He m. 1, Margaret Trask of Gloucester, Mass., and removed to Griggsville, Ill.

They had one child:

703. i. James L.,[8] b. March 11, 1837.

His wife dying in Griggsville, Ill., Sept. 20, 1838, James L.[7] m. 2, Mary B. Allen of Beverly, Mass., Jan. 1, 1845. Children:

704. ii. Elizabeth B.,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1845.
705. iii. Jeremiah B.,[8] b. May 13, 1847; m. Sarah E. Cheek, Nov. 16, 1873.
706. iv. Henry A.,[8] b. Jan. 5, 1850; m. Mary E. Wade, Oct. 20, 1879.
707. v. Frederick William,[8] b. Oct. 22, 1856; m. Elizabeth A. Hutchings, Nov. 17, 1880.

Mary B. Thompson d. at Griggsville, Nov. 9, 1858, and James L.[7] m. 3, Mrs. Harriet Morey of Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 4, 1860. She d. in Griggsville, July, 1864, leaving no children, and he m. 4, Sally G. Height of England, May 8, 1867.

Children:

708. vi. Kate M.,[8] b. March 11, 1868.
709. vii. Charles Edward,[8] b. June 30, 1870.
710. viii. Benjamin Franklin,[8] b. Oct. 10, 1875.

James Lingan[7] Thompson and all his sons are farmers, and, with the exception of Frederick W., who lives in Superior, Nebraska, all now reside in Flint, Pike Co., Illinois.

493. Frederick William[7] Thompson (*Dr. Abraham Rand*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Mass., April 13, 1819; m. at Honolulu, H. Islands, Maria Teresa O'Keefe. She was b. at Fermoy County, Cork, Ireland, Nov. 2, 1820, and d. in Paris, France, Dec. 9. 1875.

Fred. W. d. at Honolulu, Sept., 1853.

Children:

711. i. James Alden,[8] b., Honolulu, Dec. 23, 1845; m. Josephine E. Morony, Dec. 31, 1876.

712 ii. Kathleen Mary,[8] b., Honolulu, Aug. 12, 1848. Resides in San Francisco, Cal. "Spinster."

501. Thomas Miller[7] Thompson (*Thomas Miller*,[6] *Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*[2], *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Sept. 20, 1828; fitted for college at Phillips' Academy, Andover; was in Amherst College, 1847—1849; grad. Harvard Law School, 1853, lawyer in Boston, Beardstone, and Chicago, Ill.; Capt. of Co. A, 14th Illinois Infantry, 1861; Dep. Collector Int. Rev., 1st Dist., Ill., 1865; supervisor, Cook Co., Ill., 1868—1869; m. Annie E. Morrison of Portsmouth, N. H., 1852; resides in Chicago, Ill.

713. i. In 1883 was reported as having one son.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

506. JAMES[8] THOMPSON (*James,*[7] *Jonathan,*[6] *Robert,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Merrimack, N. H., Oct. 22, 1826. He m. Susannah M. Colby of Bow, N. H., Nov. 11, 1852, and has resided in Bow, Merrimack, and Hooksett, all bordering upon the Merrimack River. For four years he was representative from Bow in the N. H. Legislature. He is a large landholder, and the enterprising owner of one of the finest farms in Hooksett, where he now resides. Though he has no children, his home has long been a favorite resort, and often temporary home of the children of his relatives, who enjoy, as they well may, the beautiful surroundings of the spot.

513. HENRY H.[8] THOMPSON (*James,*[7] *Jonathan,*[6] *Robert,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Merrimack, N. H., Feb. 1, 1841; m. Betsey Ann Colby of Bow, April 26, 1866; resided in Hooksett, where he d. Sept. 18, 1883.

Children:

714. i. Elizabeth E.,[9] b. July 9, 1868, in Hooksett.
715. ii. Anna L.,[9] b. July 3, 1871, in Hooksett; d. Sept. 21, 1872.
716. iii. James,[9] b. July 29, 1874, in Hooksett.

521. JOSIAH AUGUSTUS[8] THOMPSON (*Josiah,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., July 23, 1831; m. Mary E. Thayer, Aug. 13, 1856; is a brick manufacturer and resides in West Falmouth, Mass.

Children :

717. i. Edward Herbert,[9] b. in Worcester, Sept. 28, 1857; m. Henrietta T. Hamblin. United States Consul Merida, Yucatan.
718. ii. Arthur Josiah,[9] b. in Worcester, Sept. 6, 1860; unm. Is a carriage painter, Worcester, Mass.
719. iii. Carrie Louise,[9] b. in Worcester, Nov. 12, 1862.
720. iv. Annie Gertrude,[9] b. in Worcester, Aug. 6, 1864.

524. Edward C.[8] Thompson (*Capt. Clark,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., Aug. 24, 1829; he m. Mary E. Goodrich of Clinton, Maine, and resides in Brandon, Vermont. They have had one child :

721. A son, b. Jan. 1, 1864, and d. in infancy.

525. Dr. Frederick Henry[8] Thompson (*Capt. Clark,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., Aug 5, 1844; prepared for college in Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H.; was in Amherst College, 1864, 1865; Harvard College, 1865; grad. H. Med. College, 1870; was a physician in Lancaster, Mass., 1870–1874, and in Fitchburg since 1874. In 1862 he joined the 10th Mass. Vols. He was physician in the State Industrial School for girls, in Lancaster, has been city physician in Fitchburg, and member of the school committee for a number of years. In 1886 he visited England.

He m. Harriet Fiske Howes of Petersham, Mass., June 1, 1870, and has three children :

722. i. Ada Howes,[9] b. May 7, 1871.
723. ii. Harriet Howes,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1873.
724. iii. Frederick Henry,[9] b. April 19, 1875.

537. Richard P.[8] Thompson (*Joshua Hall,*[7] *Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Feb. 23, 1831; m. Amanda C. Waterman, (b. in Stockton, N. Y., April 6, 1839,) March 6, 1861. He was a farmer, lived in Charlotte, Chaut. Co., N. Y., where he died Nov. 4, 1874.

His widow resides in Sinclairville, N. Y., and is a teacher.

Children :

725. i. Clara M.,[9] b. in Charlotte, Sept. 24, 1863. A crayon artist living in Sinclairville, N. Y.

726. ii. Mattie A.,[9] b. Feb. 24, 1865, in Charlotte; d. March 26, 1865, in Charlotte.

727. iii. Myra L.,[9] b. May 13, 1866, in Charlotte; d. Nov. 10, 1883, in Sinclairville, where she was a teacher.

728. iv. Georgia C.,[9] b. Aug. 22, 1869, at Stockton, N. Y. A teacher in Sinclairville.

729. v. Lillian,[9] b. July 19, 1871, at Stockton; d. in Sinclairville, Nov. 17, 1883.

540. Albert H.[8] Thompson (*Joshua Hall,*[7] *Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Gerry, Chaut. Co., N. Y., June 3, 1838; m. Lavinia T. Waterman, Dec. 3, 1861. A farmer and resides in Charlotte, N. Y.

Children :

730. i. Edwin A.,[9] b., in Charlotte, Feb. 2, 1863, m. Elzadie A. Woods, March 11, 1885.

731. ii. Jennie L.,[9] b. in Charlotte, Dec. 8, 1870.

732. iii. Grace May,[9] b. in Gerry, Aug. 26, 1876.

541. Edwin J.[8] Thompson (*Joshua Hall,*[7] *Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlotte, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1846; m. Marie Hadley, (b. March 18, 1853,) July 3, 1871; is a miller and flour merchant, and resides in King's City, Mo. He enlisted, July 24, 1862, in Company B, 112 New York Volunteer Infantry, and, at the close of the War of the Rebellion, was mustered out June 13, 1865. While in the service of the country, he was present and took part in the battles here named in their order : —

Deserted House, Va., Jan. 30, 1863; Chester Station, Va., May 7, 1864; Drugs Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864, and was slightly wounded; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 1864; Cemetery Hill, Va., July 30, 1864; Chapin's Farm, Va.,

Sept. 29, 1864; Darbytown, Va., Oct. 27, 1864; Fort Fisher, N. C., Jan. 14, 1865. He was also present at the siege of Suffolk, Va., Petersburg, Va., and Charleston, N. C.

Children:

733. i. Frank E.,[9] b. in Charlotte, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1872.
734. ii. Fred A.,[9] b. in Charlotte, Chautauqua County, N. Y., May 6, 1873.
735. iii. Winona S.,[9] b. in King's City, Mo., Oct. 15, 1878.

542. Horace Weston[8] Thompson (*Aaron Leland,*[7] *Richard,*[6] *William,*[5] *Deacon James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Springfield, Vt., March 5, 1839; m. Georgiana Mosely, Dec. 4, 1864. She was b. Aug, 13, 1839. They have resided in Springfield, Vt., and in Charlestown, N. H., but, in later years, have lived at Bellows Falls, Vt., Mr. Thompson being a member of the popular business firm of Moore, Arms & Thompson, manufacturers of tissue and manilla paper. "The present mill, built in 1880, is a model one in construction, in arrangement, and in equipment. The papers made at this mill are medium and heavy weights manilla, copying, envelope, writing, and tissue manilla. The daily product is equivalent to ten tons of medium manilla. There are ten one thousand pound engines, one seventy-two-inch cylinder machine, and one eighty-four-inch Fourdrinier machine. The firm dispose of their copying paper to the Western Union Telegraph Company. The perforated toilet paper that is seen so much at hotels is made here."

Horace W.[8] and Georgiana (Mosely) Thompson have two sons:

736. i. Henry Rumford,[9] b. in Springfield, Vt., Sept. 30, 1866, and in 1886 a member of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.
737. ii. Frederick Leland,[9] b. in Charlestown, N. H., April 21, 1872; resides, in 1886, in Bellows Falls, Vt.

553. Capt. Samuel Ingalls[8] Thompson (*Samuel,*[7] *Samuel,*[6] *Benjamin,*[5] *Deacon James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1])

was b. in Tewksbury, Mass., April 17, 1820; m., at Boston, Lorana Willard, dau. of Stephen, of Sandford, Me., and b. Nov. 17, 1822. He was a carpenter and lumber dealer, and resided in Chelsea, in Lawrence, and, during his later years, in Woburn. Early in the late war, he made vigorous efforts, in the face of great coldness and lack of sympathy prevalent at first, to raise a company of volunteers. He was, however, successful at last, and became the Commander of Company F, 22d Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, receiving his commission Oct. 1, 1861. In the battle of Malvern Hill he was wounded in the leg and shoulder, July 1, 1862, and was taken prisoner. On the 18th of the same month he was released from Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., but died of his wounds in the United States Army Hospital, at Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4, 1862. The following notice of Capt. Thompson appeared in one of the local papers of Woburn:

"While not possessing those dashing and brilliant qualities which, in military circles, attract attention and applause, he was personally brave, cool, and determined, and the service never lost a purer patriot, or the community a more respected citizen. His word was as good as his bond; of incorruptible integrity, and the soul of honor, and he evinced his patriotism by sacrificing not only home and its comforts, — to few more pleasant, — but gave up his business at a loss, in order to enter into the service of his country. Well did his career as a soldier entitle him to a place in the 'Gallery of Fallen Heroes'; and, in erecting a monument to his memory and, subsequently, securing his portrait, the town but feebly recognized his patriotic services and commemorated his manly virtues and self-sacrificing death. From several sources testimony has been rendered which shows, in a clear light, the brave manner in which he conducted himself during the famous 'Seven days,' and to his efforts was due much of the success which attended the falling back of the regiment. He was ever

in the thick of the fight, urging on his men, by word and example, to acquit themselves worthily."

The children of Capt. Thompson and Lorana (Willard) Thompson, who d. in Woburn Sept. 15, 1869, were:

738. i. Francis Willard,[9] b. in Chelsea, Sept. 3, 1844. He was a corporal in his father's company, and was killed in the battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862.

739. ii. Alta Clark,[9] b. in Lawrence, Mass., July 11, 1848; d. in Woburn, March 16, 1867.

740. iii. Harriet,[9] b. in Lawrence, Jan. 19, 1855; m. Newell H. Trask, at Charlestown, Nov. 26, 1879. Two children: 1, Sarah,[10] b. at Jefferson, Me., July 11, 1880; 2, Lorana,[10] b. in Woburn, June 2, 1882.

741. iv. Helena,[9] b. in Woburn, Dec. 31, 1856; m. Nathan Wyman Eaton of Woburn, Nov. 16, 1878. Three children: 1, Frank Ingalls,[10] b. Nov. 5, 1879; 2, Parker Lester,[10] b. Aug. 27, 1882; 3, Helen Margaret,[10] b. Oct. 6, 1883.

555. Clark[8] Thompson (*Samuel*,[7] *Samuel*,[6] *Benjamin*,[5] *Deacon James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Tewksbury, Mass., April 2, 1824; m. 1, Elizabeth Kittredge, of Pelham, N. H., and 2, Salome Jaques, Nov. 27, 1856. He is a wholesale dealer in provisions in Boston, and resides in Everett, Mass.

Children:

742. i. Arthur J.,[9] b. May 11, 1858.

743. ii. Carrie C.,[9] b. May 23, 1860.

558. James[8] Thompson (*Samuel*,[7] *Samuel*,[6] *Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Tewksbury, Mass., Sept. 1, 1829; m. Cordelia Voodrey, Jan. 16, 1853. She was b. in Swanton, Vt., Feb. 16, 1831, and d. in Woburn, Jan. 1, 1875. He is an inventor, and resides in Somerville, Mass.

His children are:

744. i. Samuel Herbert,[9] b. in Blackstone, May 25, 1858; m. Isanora Ward, March 6, 1884; clerk.

745. ii. Mary Ella,[9] b. in Blackstone, Feb. 23, 1860; m. Edward W. Morse, Oct. 1, 1883; Fitchburg.

746. iii. Annie Bullard,[9] b. in Malden, April 25, 1865; lives in Everett, Mass.

747. iv. James Edgar,[9] b. in Woburn, Sept. 1, 1869; lives in Somerville, Mass.

748. v. Walter Clark,[9] b. in Woburn, March 25, 1872; d. at Andover, Feb. 5, 1882.

559. JUSTIN[8] THOMPSON (*Samuel,*[7] *Samuel,*[6] *Benjamin,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Tewksbury, Mass., April 15, 1832; m. Sarah E. Rogers, April 24, 1856; was a dealer in provisions in Charlestown when he died, Feb. 13, 1862.

He left one son:

749. i. Charles C.,[9] b. Nov. 1860.

563. JONATHAN[8] THOMPSON (*Jonathan,*[7] *Samuel,*[6] *Benjamin,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in South Reading, May 31, 1819; m. Sarah G. Sturtevant, Jan. 11, 1844, and resides in Stoneham, Mass.

Children:

750. i. John A.,[9] b. Aug. 26, 1844, in Stoneham; a machinist; d. in Stoneham, April 10, 1872; unm.

751. ii. Clara Brown,[9] b. Nov. 1, 1846, in Stoneham; d. in Lowell, Nov. 14, 1849.

752. iii. Lora A.,[9] b. May 21, 1851; m. Albert A. Holden, Dec. 12, 1877; lives in Stoneham. Children: 1, Lester Dorr,[10] b. Aug. 3, 1884.

753. iv. Clara Trull,[9] } Twins, b. Nov. 7, 1852; { m. Frank H. Marion, Aug. 31, 1879.

754. v. Sarah G.,[9] } { m. Will C. Marion, Nov. 5, 1877.

755. vi. Mary E.,[9] b. March 29, 1856; m. John F. Dorr, Aug. 10, 1878.

Children of Clara and Frank H. Marion:

1. John Trull,[10] b. in Stoneham, Sept. 19, 1882.
2. Bertha Thompson,[10] b. in Stoneham, Sept. 8, 1884.

Children of Sarah G. and Will C. Marion:

1. Lewis C.,[10] b. in Stoneham, March 9, 1879.
2. Stella,[10] b. Nov. 7, 1881; d. Nov. 9, 1881.

Mr. Marion now resides in Anoka, Minn.

Child of Mary E. and John F. Dorr:

1. James Colby,[10] b. June 25, 1880.

565. Charles A.[8] Thompson (*Jonathan,*[7] *Samuel,*[6] *Benjamin,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in South Reading, Aug. 23, 1822; m. Maria Sherburn, March 1, 1848; has resided in Woburn, and now resides in Stoneham, Mass.

Children:

756. i. Imogene,[9] b. Oct. 6, 1850, in Woburn; m. Hiram S. Wiley, Aug. 30, 1872, and lives in Stoneham.

757. ii. Henry Sherburn,[9] b. May 1, 1854, in Woburn; d. Sept. 14, 1856.

758. iii. Mabel,[9] b. Sept. 14, 1856, in Woburn; m. Joseph H. Buck, Oct. 11, 1876, and lives in Woburn. Children: 1, Willie Allison,[10] b. in Stoneham, Dec. 3, 1880; 2, Gracie Thompson,[10] b. in Woburn, June 16, 1883.

759. iv. Anna May,[9] b. May 16, 1861, in Stoneham; m. Aaron Hill, Sept. 9, 1880, and lives in Melrose, Mass. Children: 1, Arthur,[10] b. in Melrose, Nov. 2, 1881.

577. William A.[8] Thompson (*Vernon,*[7] *Jacob,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1835; m. Sarah Torbett, Feb. 21, 1856; resided in Brooklyn, where he d. Feb. 12, 1875.

Children:

760. i. Eleanor H.,[9] b. Feb. 7, 1857.

761. ii. Walter,[9] b. Aug. 28, 1859.

585. Col. DeWitt Clinton[8] Thompson (*Joseph,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Pern, Mass., Sept. 1, 1826; m. Marion Brown, Jan. 14, 1852. He has for many years resided in California. During the late war he raised a regiment of cavalry. For a number of years he lived in Oakland, Cal., and was a banker in San Francisco. In recent years he seems to have removed to some other part of the State, but every effort to trace him has failed.

He is known to have one daughter:

762. i. Marion,[9] b. May 12, 1853, and several years ago much interested in tracing her branch of the Thompson Family, the descendants of James[4] Thompson, who early settled in Brimfield, Mass.

It is believed that DeWitt C.[8] Thompson has other children, but no record of them can be given.

586. George Washington[8] Thompson (*Capt. Amherst,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Northampton, Mass., Aug. 5, 1823; m. Mary Dell, June, 1850, at Battle Creek, Mich. After spending some time in Amherst College, he entered the profession of law. Died May 21, 1874, in Dansville, N. Y. His wife d. at Battle Creek, July 1, 1864.

Children:

763. i. Charles Dell,[9] b. Aug. 24, 1851, at Battle Creek, Mich.
764. ii. George Lord,[9] b. in Chicago, Ill.

Three other children d. in early childhood.

587. John Andrew[8] Thompson (*Capt. Amherst,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Northampton, Mass., May 20, 1824. After leaving Amherst College in 1844, he was a teacher three years in Virginia and Missouri, then returned to Amherst, where he studied law with Edward Dickinson, Esq. He was admitted to the bar at Niles, Mich.; was Prosecuting Attorney of Berrien County, in that State; practised law in Chicago, Ill., 1852–59, being City Attorney during the last three years. In 1859 he went to Granby, Mo., to develop the lead mines, but, on the breaking out of the rebellion, returned to Chicago in 1861, and assisted in organizing the first regiments for the war. He was captain on Gen. Tremont's staff for some time, and appointed a captain in the regular army in 1862, and was killed in action when leading the second battalion of eighteenth U. S. A., at Hoover's Gap, Tenn., June 30, 1863.

John Andrew[8] Thompson m. Elizabeth W. Lusk, at Newark, N. Y., May 21, 1851, who survives him, and lives in Chicago, Ill. One child.

765. i. Mary Daisy,[9] b. ——.

590. Rev. Amherst Lord[8] Thompson (*Capt. Amherst,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Newark, N. Y., April 16, 1834; grad. from

Amherst College in 1856; studied theology in Union Theo. Sem., N. Y., 1856–1857, and in Andover Theo. Sem., 1857–1859. He was ordained Feb. 2, 1860, and, after acting as pastor of the Congregational Church, in Ansonia, Conn., for some time, he sailed as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for Western Asia. His missionary home was Oroomiah, Persia. He was a young man of rare excellence and promise, and his lamented death from bilious fever at Mt. Seir, Persia, Aug. 25, 1860, crushed very early in his career the many bright anticipations entertained by his numerous friends for his continued usefulness.

Amherst L.[8] m. Esther E., dau. of Guy C. Munsell, of Amherst, Mass., Feb. 2, 1860. She survives him without children, and is Principal of Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.

591. William Wallace,[8] Thompson (*Capt. Amherst,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. at Newark, N. Y., April 19, 1839; m. Harriet J. Esterbrooks, of Napa, Cal., Nov. 1, 1871. He is a merchant in Napa, Cal., and has two children, now living:

766. i. Gertrude,[9] b. ?
767. ii. Harriet,[9] b. ?

594. Henry Smith[8] Thompson (*Smith,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Peru, Mass., July 23, 1838; m. Sarah F. Clark, Oct. 24, 1863. He is a farmer and lives in Peru. One child:

768. i. Alida Ellen,[9] b. Oct. 24, 1864.

596. Samuel Clark[8] Thompson (*John,*[7] *Lieut. Amherst,*[6] *Col. Joseph,*[5] *James,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. Dec. 31, 1834; m. Abbie Sherman Thompson, March 6, 1866, and d. April 10, 1884. He belonged to a family of dis-

tinguished bankers, and was, at the time of his death, president of the Chase National Bank in New York City, where he lived, and where he died in the fiftieth year of his age. He left one son :

769. i. Ferris Sherman,[9] b. in New York City, March 1, 1867, and a member of the college of New Jersey, Princeton.

597. Frederick Ferris[8] Thompson (*John*,[7] *Lieut. Amherst*,[6] *Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. June 2, 1836; m. Mary C. Clark, and, like his father and brother, is a banker and resides in New York City.

No children.

599. Artemas E.[8] Thompson (*Artemas*,[7] *Artemas*,[6] *Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Amherst, Mass., Feb. 24, 1826; m. Mary K. Sylvester, April 19, 1853; was a piano and organ manufacturer and lived in New York. He d. in Mount Vernon, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1870.

Children :

770. i. Madeline S.,[9] b. in New York, Dec. 16, 1859.
771. ii. Artemas Everett,[9] b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1867.

600. William M. T.[8] Thompson (*Artemas*,[7] *Artemas*,[6] *Col. Joseph*,[5] *James*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Amherst, Mass., July 1, 1829; m. Emeline Brown, Aug., 1854. He is a travelling salesman, and resides in Moline, Ill. He has children, but the names and number have not been ascertained.

607. Ebenezer Kirk[8] Thompson (*Col. Ebenezer Rumford*,[7] *Col. Ebenezer*,[6] *Hiram*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Dunkirk, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1834; m. Mary Ann Waters, b. in Bath, England, in 1839, Dec. 15, 1859. They were married in Philadelphia, Pa., by Rev. Albert Barnes. Like his father, Ebenezer K. is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He resides in Titusville, Pa., where, as chemist and druggist, he has

the largest and most complete, as well as popular, drug store in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Thompson has had long experience and has able assistants, while the large building contains, besides ample rooms for wholesale and retail trade, rooms and desks for various departments — a laboratory, an orthopœdical department, a large store room for chemicals, drugs, etc., etc.

Children :

772. i. Louisa Dudley,[9] b. Sept. 9, 1860, at Dunkirk, N. Y.
773. ii. Emma Waters,[9] b. March 24, 1862, at Dunkirk, N. Y.
774. iii. Ebenezer Francis,[9] b. July 22, 1865, at Dunkirk, N. Y.
775. iv. Henry Kirk,[9] b. Oct. 7, 1868, at Titusville, Pa.
776. v. Arthur Rumford,[9] b. Oct. 6, 1871, at Titusville, Pa.
777. vi. Benjamin Rumford,[9] b. June 27, 1882, at Titusville, Pa.; d. June 28, 1882.

Ebenezer F., the oldest son of Ebenezer K., is a student in the Cornell University, N. Y.

612. Tobias J.[8] Thompson (*Tobias Oakman,*[7] *Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Frankfort, Me., April 5, 1848; m. May Abbott of Winterport, Me., Jan. 12, 1873. Resides in Union, Hardin Co., Iowa.

Children :

778. i. Lydia,[9] b. Dec. 2, 1873; d. April 5, 1874.
779. ii. Katharine Pierce,[9] b. March 6, 1875.

613. Benjamin[8] Thompson (*William,*[7] *Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. ——, 1834; m. Belle Dunham, 1856. He resides in Newton, Mass., and is captain of ship "Great Admiral."

Children :

780. i. Louis,[9] b. ——, 1858; m. —— Williams, ——, 1878.
781. ii. William,[9] b. ——, 1875.

614. Hiram[8] Thompson (*William,*[7] *Benjamin,*[6] *Hiram,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. ——, 1847; m. Louise Moore, ——, 1870, and resides in St. Paul, Minn.

Children :

782. i. Carrie,[9] b. ———, 1870.
783. ii. Abigail,[9] b. ———, 1879.

617. James Munroe[8] Thompson (*Col. Luke,*[7] *Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Chelmsford, Mass., April 18, 1818; m. Aurelia Goodman Taylor, of South Hadley, Mass., Oct. 2, 1846. She was b. in South Hadley, April 18, 1828. Since his marriage, James M. has resided in Chicopee, Holyoke, and Springfield, Mass., several years in each. But for several later years, he has been a dry goods merchant in Brookfield, Mass., where he now resides.

Children :

784. i. Ida Jane,[9] b. in Chicopee, Sept. 4, 1847; m. Albert W. Rice, Feb. 23, 1870; has one child, Carrie Blanch,[10] b. in Springfield, June 1, 1874, and resides in Newton, Mass.
785. ii. Loammi Chamberlain,[9] b. in Holyoke, March 5, 1852; m. Clara S. Johnson, June 7, 1882. Lives in Brookfield.
786. iii. Harry Luke,[9] b. in Springfield, July 13, 1865, and is a salesman in a wholesale dry goods store in Boston.
787. iv. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. in Springfield, Oct. 25, 1868.

619. Cyrus Augustus[8] Thompson (*Cyrus,*[7] *Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Sept. 6, 1818; m. Harriet Watson, of Reading, Nov. 28, 1850. After residing in Chicopee, in the South, in Reading, in New Jersey, and in New York, he returned, after the death of his father in the spring of 1873, to his native village, where he d. very suddenly, March 4, 1880.

He had no children.

620. Jonathan[8] Thompson (*Cyrus,*[7] *Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Jan. 13, 1822; m. Eunice Weston, daughter of Col. Charles Carter, of Woburn, June 1, 1847. He resided for several years in Boston, where he kept a

restaurant, but, during many of his later years, he has resided in Woburn and has been a grocer.

He has no children.

621. Samuel Francis[8] Thompson (*Cyrus,*[7] *Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Aug. 21, 1834; m. Mary E. Blodgett, of Billerica, Mass., June 1, 1864. A surveyor by trade.

Children:

788. i. Frank Edwin,[9] b. July 10, 1865; d. Nov. 29, 1868.
789. ii. Abbie Emma,[9] b. June 26, 1867.
790. iii. Clarence A.,[9] b. Oct. 22, 1869; d. Sept. 2, 1870.

627. Waldo[8] Thompson (*Col. Leonard,*[7] *Leonard,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Dec. 7, 1813; m. Hannah Robinson Bradford, Nov. 26, 1857. She was b. in St. George, Me., May 30, 1833, the daughter of Capt. Josephus Bradford, and a descendant in a direct line from Gov. William Bradford, who came over in the Mayflower. Waldo[8] Thompson and Hannah R. Bradford were m. in Swampscott, Mass., where, for many years, they resided. In 1863, he removed his buildings and family over the town line into the city of Lynn, where he now resides. In his young manhood, he was employed, in common with a large number of the men of those days, in the "shoe business," until failing health compelled him to make a change. In 1838 he removed to Swampscott, and for some time followed the business of fishing. In 1843 he opened the first country store in the town. In 1844 he was elected a member of the school board of Lynn, and, in 1846, he was active in securing the organization of the church, now the First Congregational Church in Swampscott, at the same time being superintendent of the Sabbath School, and assisting in the erection of the church edifice. He also procured the establishment of a Post Office, and, for fifteen years, was postmaster. In 1849, he was appointed by Gov. Briggs a justice of the peace. In

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1852, June 5, he drew the first town warrant for the first town meeting in Swampscott, at which he presided. In 1856 he procured the establishment of a lighthouse by the U. S. Government on Egg Rock, near the town. Since abandoning his store in Swampscott, and his removal within the limits of Lynn, he has been actively engaged as a trustee in the real estate and insurance business, at No. 6 Ocean Street, Lynn. Amid all the calls of his busy life he has found time to interest himself in historical and antiquarian research, is a life member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Boston, and, in 1885, wrote and published a volume of interesting and valuable "Sketches of Swampscott."

Children :

791. i. Fred Orestes,[9] b. Nov. 22, 1859.
792. ii. Edith Wyman,[9] b. May 7, 1864; d. April 16, 1876.
793. iii. Florence Stott,[9] b. Dec. 12, 1867.

628. Leonard[8] Thompson (*Col. Leonard*,[7] *Leonard*,[6] *Samuel, Esq.*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]), was b. in Woburn, Nov. 21, 1817, and has for many years been a dealer in hardware in his native town, where he also resides. For a long series of years he has filled various offices in town. In April, 1875, he was chosen a member of the school board for two years. In 1877, he was again chosen for three years, and in 1880, again for three years. In 1865, he was chosen a member of the library committee, and re-chosen each year till 1875, inclusive. In 1876, he was chosen again for two years, and in 1878 for five years. He is also a corporate trustee of the library. In 1880 and 1881 he was town treasurer, and, though he did not again serve, he was re-chosen in 1882. In 1876 he was appointed commissioner of the sinking fund for three years, and, in 1876 and 1877, he was sent as representative of the town to general court at Boston.

Outside the sphere of municipal office and duty, Leonard Thompson has been warmly interested in matters of historic interest. As a member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Association; as a founder, one of the principal donors, a trustee, and an active member of the Rumford Historical Association, and as the president of the Thompson Memorial Association, and a leading promoter of the work of preparing this memorial volume, he has ever been alive to whatever pertains to the memories of the former times.

Leonard Thompson m., May 26, 1847, Maria Laurens Smith, of Lincoln, Mass. She was one of the first applicants for examination as a candidate for admission to the first normal school in the United States, established at Lexington, Mass., in July, 1839, and a graduate with the first class, being subsequently a teacher for six years.

Children:

794. i. Jenny Lind,[9] b. Dec. 2, 1849; m. James Burbeck, Dec. 30, 1874. Children: 1, Ethel Smith,[10] b. Dec. 25, 1875, at Greenfield, N. H. 2, Benn Thompson,[10] b. Jan. 18, 1878, Greenfield, N. H. 3, Bertha May,[10] b. April 24, 1880, Somerville, Mass. Jenny L. Burbeck d. Feb. 15, 1884.

795. ii. Lewis Waldo,[9] b. Sept. 17, 1852; m. Helen M. Brigham, Oct. 25, 1876.

796. iii. Nellie Smith,[9] b. July 8, 1855; m. Edward L. Shaw, Feb., 1875. Children: 1, Sybil,[10] b. Feb. 15, 1877. 2, Marion,[10] b. Aug. 10, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw reside in Woburn, where both their children were born.

797. iv. Edgar Bradford,[9] b. March 18, 1859; m. Estelle Howard of Richview, Ill., Sept. 22, 1885, and resides in Chicago, Ill., where he is chief mechanical engineer in the motive power office of the Chicago & North Western Railway Company.

629. Justin Edwards[8] Thompson (*Col. Leonard*,[7] *Leonard*,[6] *Samuel, Esq.*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Feb. 2, 1837; m. Mary Jane Murdock June 2, 1873, and resides in Woburn.

Children :

798. i. Ann Maria,[9] b. 1873.
799. ii. Mary Louisa,[9] b. 1875.
800. iii. Sarah Mead,[9] b. May 30, 1878.

634. Daniel[8] Thompson (*Daniel*,[7] *Dr. Isaac Snow*,[6] *Daniel*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. June 21, 1824, at Westbrook, Maine. Both his parents dying in his early childhood, he never knew, as most children do, the value and attractions of a home under the parental roof. But he was kindly cared for by relatives and friends, and, early in life, his fondness for travel and adventure and frontier life led him to exchange the East for the West, where he settled. He was originally named Daniel Josiah Pierce Thompson. Respecting this he wrote in 1886: "At the age of twenty-one years, I dropped the initials J. P. from my name as a matter of convenience, and through no disrespect for my relative for whom I was named."

In 1846 and 1847, Daniel Thompson was in business at Pekin on the Illinois River. From 1854 to 1880, his residence and business were in Chicago, Ill. During the last-named year, his health and interests required his presence in Louisiana, where he had invested considerable money soon after the close of the Civil war. His present residence is Calumet Plantation, Bayou Teche, his post office address being, Post Office Pattersonville, Parish of St. Mary, La. Here he is engaged in the raising and manufacture of sugar on a large scale, and by intelligent and greatly improved methods.

Daniel[8] Thompson m. Georgine Urqhart Wibray, at Tremont, Ill., Dec. 4, 1851. She was the daughter of (sea) Capt. James Wibray, and was b. in New York City, Nov. 10, 1829. The family is English.

Children :

801. i. Wibray James,[9] b. in Pekin, Ill., Oct. 15, 1852; m. Emma Isabel Way, in New York, Jan. 15, 1880, and is in business with his father.

802. ii. Frederick John,[9] b. in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3, 1857; d. in Chicago, Feb. 22, 1861.

635. George Robinson[8] Thompson (*Hon. Daniel Pierce,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 3, 1834; grad. from the University of Vermont in 1853; studied law and practiced his profession in New York City. He was one of the many victims of the terrible Hamburg railroad disaster, on the Hudson River, Feb. 6, 1871. "A long freight train, composed more or less of oil cars, which consist of ordinary platform cars bearing at each end an immense circular tank, had passed the depot at New Hamburg, going south, when it was discovered that the axle of one of the oil cars was broken. Some delay occurred in signalling the fact to the engineer, and the train was not stopped until it had reached the long wooden trellis-work bridge over Wappinger Creek, which there empties into the Hudson River. On this bridge the train came to a standstill, the disabled car having been thrown from its track over upon the other track, belonging to trains passing the other way. This was at a few minutes past ten P. M., the night being bitterly cold. Shortly there appeared in sight, just below, the locomotive of the Pacific Express train from New York. This train consisted of two baggage cars, an express car, and five sleeping cars. Before warning was given, the engine of the express thundered on to the bridge, at the rate of thirty miles an hour, and in an instant plunged into the oil car, which stood across its track. The scene was one that baffles description. The engine leaped to and through the ice of the creek below, followed by one, two, and perhaps three, of the sleeping cars, linked to it and enwrapped in flames communicated by the burning oil, which had exploded with the shock. The bridge itself took fire, and the burning cars went down. Of the passengers in the first car not one, it is believed, escaped. Collision, fire, water, and cold were

the four elements that combined to make the catastrophe an awful one. To be bruised, burned, drowned, or frozen was the fate of many, and some suffered all these pangs."

To the foregoing account, copied from one of our weekly papers soon after the disaster, it may be added that from twenty to forty persons were believed to have lost their lives. Not a few were mutilated and charred beyond all recognition. Among these victims was the rising young lawyer of New York, George Robinson Thompson, whose sudden and shocking death was greatly lamented by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

George Robinson[8] Thompson m. Serafina Taplin, Oct. 19, 1858, and had two children:

803. i. George Clinton,[9] b. July 25, 1861; d. Feb., 1865.

804. ii. Charles Miner,[9] b. March 24, 1864; grad. from Harvard University, Cambridge, 1886. He has for some time been correspondent of the *Boston Globe*. His home is in Montpelier, Vt.; unm.

637. William Penn[8] Thompson (*Hon. Daniel Pierce,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 5, 1839; m. Anna Edwards. He was a saddler and harness-maker by trade, and lived in Madison, Wis., where he d. Sept. 28, 1873.

No children.

639. Daniel Greenleaf[8] Thompson (*Hon. Daniel Pierce,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 9, 1850; graduated from Amherst College in 1869, studied law in Springfield, Mass., and New York city, 1869–1872; teacher of Latin in the Springfield High School, 1870–1872, admitted to the bar, Dec. 13, 1872, and lawyer in New York city since 1872. Mr. Thompson is also an author. He has published "First Book in Latin," "A System of Psychology," and numerous articles in reviews. The "System of Psychology," 2 vols. 8vo., published by Longmans & Co., London, has received high commen-

dation both in this country and in Great Britain, as a work of unusual ability and interest.

Daniel G.[8] Thompson m. Henrietta Gallup, of Cleveland, O., March 31, 1881.

No children reported.

641. Rev. Charles Wheeler[8] Thompson (*Joseph Warren,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Berlin, Vt., Feb. 26, 1832; graduated from the University of Vermont, 1854, and from the Theological Seminary, Andover, 1860. He was tutor in the University of Vermont, 1856–1857, and professor of Latin in the same institution, pro. tem., 1864–1867. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Danville, Vt., July 1, 1869, having preached previously as a stated supply in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1861, in Prairie du Sac, Wis., 1861–1862, and in Northfield, Vt., 1863. Since leaving Danville in 1882, he has for several years been acting pastor of the Congregational Church in North Woodstock, Conn., and is now, Jan., 1887, pastor of the Congregational Church in Westminster, Vt. He m. Nov. 3, 1886, Arabella Goodrich, of Burlington, Vt.

No children.

642. Alfred Bowers[8] Thompson (*Joseph Warren,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Berlin, Vt., Oct. 31, 1834; graduated from the University of Vermont, 1858, and is a merchant in Moberly, Mo. He m. Sallie Bryant, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 16, 1885, and is mayor of the city in which he dwells.

644. Edward Warren[8] Thompson (*Joseph Warren,*[7] *Daniel,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Berlin, Vt., Aug. 28, 1855; m. Carrie Marie Bailey, of St. Albans, Vt., June 3, 1886. He is passenger agent for New England of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, office, 296 Washington Street, Boston. An

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experience of many years in the general business pertaining to railroads, and his faithful and polite attention to his business, have made him an efficient and popular servant of the company.

648. Capt. Abijah Franklin[8] Thompson (*Gen. Abijah,*[7] *Major Abijah,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Sept. 17, 1829; m. Mary E., daughter of Calvin Wyman, of Woburn, May 15, 1851. He was chosen captain of the *Woburn Phalanx* in March, 1856, and held the office till his death, Aug. 5, 1861.

He left one child:

805. i. Arthur Abijah,[9] b. July 10, 1858; m. Hattie Elizabeth Story, of Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1880.

Mary E. (Wyman) Thompson m. 2, John L. Perry, of Albany, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1867, and d. in that city.

650. Abijah[8] Thompson (*Dea. Benjamin Franklin,*[7] *Major Abijah,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, July 29, 1827; m. Maria Stearns Swan, April 27, 1848, and resides in Winchester, Mass. He and his younger brother, Stephen, succeeded their father, Dea. Benjamin F. Thompson, who d. July 31, 1863, in the leather business, and still retain the old firm name, "B. F. Thompson and Co., 187 Summer St., Boston, Mass." He has in later years been largely interested in historical and genealogical research; is president of the Winchester Historical and Genealogical Society, and has had from the first the chief pecuniary responsibility for the publication of the *Winchester Record*, a magazine which, as a depository of the results of research in rare and valuable historical papers relating chiefly to Woburn during the first two centuries of its existence, has been successful far beyond the expectations even of the most sanguine. The two complete volumes already published and now in many

public libraries in and out of Massachusetts, are invaluable, and in years to come will be still more prized. A mass of historical matter has been rescued from threatened oblivion, of which the coming generations would in all probability be otherwise absolutely ignorant.

Abijah[8] and Maria S. (Swan) Thompson have had two children :

806. i. Annie Mabel,[9] b. Oct. 5, 1868, and d. Sept. 21, 1873.
807. ii. Martha Lillian,[9] b. Sept. 9, 1871.

652. Stephen[8] Thompson (*Dea. Benjamin Franklin,*[7] *Major Abijah,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Oct. 8, 1835 ; m. 1. Emma Norcross, Sept., 1860. She dying in April, 1861, he m. 2, Sarah F. Snow, Sept. 11, 1866. Like his brother, he resides in Winchester, the two being in company in their business. In 1885 he visited England and the continent. He has long been clerk of the Congregational Church in Winchester, of which his father was an honored deacon.

Children :

808. i. Benjamin Franklin,[9] b. Dec. 4, 1867.
809. ii. William Snow,[9] b. May 10, 1873.

653. Rosewell[8] Thompson (*Dea. Charles Rosewell,*[7] *Dea. Charles,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, June 13, 1833 ; m. Helen A. Scoville, of Wolcotville, Conn., Feb. 24, 1867. He is a machinist and resides in Bridgeport, Conn.

They have one child :

810. i. Charles Edwin,[9] b. July 4, 1871.

665. Samuel Avery[8] Thompson (*Rev. Leander,*[7] *Dea. Charles,*[6] *Sheriff Abijah,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Wolfborough, N. H., Oct. 16, 1850; m. Harriet Ella, daughter of Dexter Carter, of Woburn, Nov. 27, 1879, is in the leather business, lives in Woburn, and has

Children :

811. i. Amy Carter,[9] b. Oct. 22, 1881.
812. ii. Everett Leander,[9] b. May 12, 1884.

671. Charles[8] Thompson (*Hon. Charles,*[7] *Timothy,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, March 29, 1822; m. Emma Davidson, June 29, 1847; was for some time American Consul at Yucatan, engaged with his brother Edwin, in shipping business, for several years, and d. in Boston, March 27, 1863.

Children :

813. i. Grace Emma,[9] b. June 17, 1848; m. Gen. Frank Reeder, of Easton, Pa., in Boston, Oct., 1868. Children: 1. Andrew Horatio,[10] b. Oct., 1869; 2. Frank,[10] b. May 3, 1880; 3. Douglass Wyman,[10] b. Aug., 1883.
814. ii. Alice Livingston,[9] b. Dec. 25, 1850; m. Charles B. Fetrich, of Easton, Pa., June 5, 1883. No children.

673. Hon. Francis[8] Thompson (*Hon. Charles,*[7] *Timothy,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, March 29, 1826; m. Ruth Stetson Welch, Oct. 11, 1855. She was b. in Charlestown, Aug. 2, 1835.

They had two children :

815. i. Catharine S.,[9] b. Sept. 15, 1856; m. Lieut. H. G. O. Colby, a naval officer, April 20, 1881. Has one child, Francis Thompson,[10] b. Feb. 13, 1882.
816. ii. Ruth W.,[9] b. June 4, 1859. Lives in Charlestown.

Hon. Francis Thompson d. suddenly in Charlestown, Aug. 30, 1885. The following biographical notice of him appeared in a local paper, Sept. 5, 1885.

FRANCIS THOMPSON.

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CHARLESTOWN. THE CLEAR RECORD OF A WORTHY LIFE. — DESCENDED FROM AN OLD COLONIAL ANCESTRY, HE MAINTAINED ITS REPUTATION AND ADDED TO ITS LUSTRE.

On Sunday evening last Hon. Francis Thompson was stricken with apoplexy at his residence, 49 Monument Square, and died shortly afterward, surrounded by the members of his household. He had returned from the

sea-shore with his family Saturday evening, passed Sunday in the customary manner, and was in his usual spirits up to ten o'clock, p. m., when the dread summons was received.

Coming, as the stroke did, so suddenly and at a time when the victim was apparently in the best of health, the blow was a sad one, not only to the relatives but to those of Mr. Thompson's fellow citizens who had known him, man and boy, for half a century.

Francis Thompson, who was born in Charlestown nearly sixty years ago, was descended from an old colonial family, a direct ancestor being James Thompson, who early settled in Woburn, and who, with his wife, was admitted to membership in the First Parish Church of Charlestown in 1633. A great-great-grandson of James Thompson was Timothy, born in 1750, who came to Charlestown and became a citizen prior to the battle of Bunker Hill, in which he took a gallant part while his home was burning and his wife fleeing from the pillaging invader.

One of Timothy's grandsons was Charles Thompson, father of the subject of this sketch. Charles was a prominent citizen of Charlestown in his day, an extensive iron merchant and active in all town and public matters, being the first Democratic candidate for mayor after the city government's organization, and at one time the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Of such lineage was he who is mourned to-day by all who have known him in social, political or business life; but better than this lineage, of which he might well have been proud, was the self-carved reputation for sturdy integrity and good citizenship. Born here in 1826, he remained a citizen of Charlestown throughout his long and successful career; and under the shadow of the massive pile, the laying of whose corner-stone was almost contemporaneous with his birth, he passed away, leaving behind him, untarnished and unspotted, the legacy of a good name which had been handed down from successive generations.

In 1820 Charles, father of Francis, Thompson, was in business at 18 Main Street, where William Calder, great-grandfather of Francis, had been located as a dealer in paints and oils, prior to the battle of Bunker Hill. Charles Thompson eventually moved to Boston, locating on Custom-House Street, where Francis joined him in the iron and steel trade, and finally succeeded to the business, which he carried on extensively and successfully until his retirement from mercantile pursuits some ten years ago.

His entry into public life was in 1862, when he was elected alderman of the city of Charlestown and served three years during the administration of Mayor P. J. Stone. Never before or since were such weighty matters considered in the City Council as those which confronted the board during that period. Not only did the important work necessitated by the Rebellion demand prompt and careful action, but the Mystic Water Works were also begun and completed. It was then that Francis Thompson's clear judgment

made itself manifest, and no one did more to guide the city safely through financial shoals than the man whose public life had hardly begun. His official associates during that troublesome period pay grateful tribute to the sterling qualities which were afterward so widely recognized.

In 1870 he was honored by an election to the State Senate, representing his own city of Charlestown, a separate senatorial district. Hon. Horace G. Coolidge was president of the upper legislative branch at that time. In 1876 he was once more elected alderman, this time of the city of Boston, and was re-elected in 1877. His valuable experience as a member of the Mystic Water Board prior to annexation probably had great weight with Mayor Prince, when, in 1879, he nominated Mr. Thompson for the position of water commissioner. The nomination was confirmed, and during the full term of three years in which he held the position the same clear-headed and almost infallible judgment was always discernible. His public career ended in 1882, and he retired to private life accompanied by the regrets of Charlestown's citizens, who recognized that their interests had never been more faithfully served than by Mr. Thompson in the several positions to which he had been elected and appointed. A staunch, unwavering Democrat, and a believer in the principles of that party, he commanded alike the confidence of party allies and the respect of political opponents.

Although Mr. Thompson retired from active business about ten years ago, he always maintained his interest in the institutions whose prosperity was so largely due to his executive ability, and at the time of his death held numerous offices of trust in several of the industrial and financial corporations which had profited so largely by his efforts and judgment. For ten years he has held the position of vice-president or trustee of the Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank; he was elected a director of the Charlestown Gas Company, January 16, 1871, and on September 12, 1883, was chosen to the presidency. He was also a director in the Eastern Railroad of New Hampshire, the Pennsylvania Steel Company and the Bunker Hill Monument Association. At the time of the 250th anniversary of the Settlement of Boston, he was chairman of the committee on the celebration.

By none will Mr. Thompson be more sincerely mourned than the circle of personal friends whose esteem he always held. He was a member of the Union and Whist clubs of Boston, and in both those organizations was a leading spirit. At one time he was a member of Henry Price Lodge, F. A. M., but in later years had not maintained his connection with the order. He was a warm and lifelong friend and companion of the late William B. Morris, M. D., who died in 1878.

Mr. Thompson was married in 1855 to Miss Ruth Stetson Welch, daughter of the late John P. Welch, treasurer of the Fitchburg Railroad corporation. The union was a happy one, and the afflicted wife has, in her sad bereavement, the support and comfort of two daughters, Catherine S.,

wife of Lieutenant H. G. O. Colby, U. S. N.; and Ruth W., who is unmarried. One brother and two sisters also mourn the sudden loss: Edwin, now residing in New York; Ellen M., wife of John G. Doubleday of New York; and Mary E., wife of Edward A. Abbott of Boston.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Mr. Thompson's late residence, 49 Monument Square. Rarely is there a gathering of so many old residents, as assembled in the spacious parlors of the mansion. Rev. H. W. Foote, pastor of King's Chapel, where the deceased had been a regular attendant during the latter portion of his life, officiated. The Temple Quartette was present and rendered the following musical selections: "I cannot always trace the Way," "Our days on earth are as a Shadow," and "Come unto Me." At the family's request there were but few floral tributes, the most noticeable being a large but plain ivy cross from relatives, an ivy wreath from the deceased's brother, and an open book, of white flowers with purple border and the inscription, "Finis," from Hon. P. J. Stone. The remarks of Rev. Mr. Foote were very impressive, and most appropriate to the sad occasion. After pronouncing the benediction he announced that there would be a brief delay in the departure to the place of burial, in order that the son-in-law of the deceased, who was absent at the time of Mr. Thompson's death, might arrive and join in the final tributes to the dead. This, Lieutenant Colby succeeded in doing, and participated in the committal service at Mount Auburn, where the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the family tomb. At the head of the casket was placed the wreath of ivy, below it the cross, and at the foot the book whose single word signified the end of an upright, worthy life.

The obsequies were in charge of John A. B. Cutter, Lieut. Lyon and W. Jones, of Portsmouth, assisting. The pall-bearers were Gen. James Dana, P. J. Stone, president of the Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank; George B. Neal, treasurer of the Charlestown Gas Company; C. H. Powers, president of the Middlesex Railroad, in which the deceased was also a stockholder and director; Hon. Stephen Crosby, Mr. C. H. Davis, Dr. Henry Lyon, Lieut-Com. H. W. Lyon and Thomas G. Frothingham, relatives of the deceased. Among those present were gentlemen from Philadelphia, New York, Portsmouth and Concord, N. H., and other cities. Major Charles Bent and wife of Philadelphia, Charles G. Merriam, well-known in Boston financial circles, Mr. Hill of New York, and others from out of town were in attendance, aside from the large number of prominent Charlestown citizens and their wives. Major Harry Sleeper and other members of the Union Club, to which Mr. Thompson belonged, were cruising off the Maine coast when the sad intelligence was received, and at once left the yacht and hastened to pay the last tribute of respect to their deceased friend.

674. Edwin[8] Thompson (*Hon. Charles,*[7] *Timothy,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, April 12, 1828; was a merchant, and d. in Boston, June 17, 1886. The following Biographical Sketch, prepared for, and expected to appear in, the "Quarterly" to be issued April, 1887, by the Massachusetts General Historical Society, has been kindly copied for this memorial by Abraham R. Thompson, Esq., of the Navy Pay Office, Boston:

"Edwin Thompson, Esq., a resident member, admitted Nov. 6, 1865, was b. in Charlestown, Mass., April 12, 1828, and d. in Boston, June 17, 1886. His father was Hon. Charles Thompson, State Senator and member of the Governor's Council, who was b. July 9, 1798. His mother was Nancy Wyman, b. Jan. 24, 1821, and d. Nov. 13, 1871. His earliest American ancestor on his father's side was James[1] Thompson, who was admitted (with his wife, Elizabeth) to the church at Charlestown, 1633. From him the ancestral line ran through Jonathan,[2] Jonathan,[3] Jabez,[4] Timothy,[5] Timothy,[6] Charles,[7] making the subject of this sketch of the eighth American generation.

"He was never married, but continued to live at his old home at Charlestown, until the death of his mother. His sister, Mrs. Ellen M. Doubleday, wife of Mr. John G. Doubleday, of New York, furnishes the following brief and interesting sketch of his life:

"'His early life was spent in Charlestown, and he was educated at the public school. After graduating, he entered the counting-room of Messrs. Seccomb & Bartlett, in Boston. He remained with them a few years; his health failing in 1849, he sailed around Cape Horn to Valparaiso, Chili, and, on the voyage, he acquired a knowledge of Spanish. Finding the climate congenial, he remained there nine years. During that time he was extensively engaged in the shipping business, in connection with his brother, the late Charles Thompson, Jr.

"'On his return to the United States, in 1858, he continued his Chilian business until the close of our Civil War, after which he went into the cotton business in Boston, in which he continued until his health again began to fail, causing him to give up all active occupation. He made two trips to Europe during this time, in search of health. In 1881, he removed to New York City, and, since then, has devoted his time to his books. I may add, he was a man of fine literary attainments, speaking several languages fluently, an expert chemist, and he possessed an extensive knowledge of mines and mining. In social life his ready wit and fund of humor made him an agreeable companion.'"

693. Edward Hutchins[8] Thompson (*Edward Turner,*[7] *Timothy,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Boston, Sept. 16, 1850; m. Ada Augusta Ward, May 5, 1886, and resides in Cambridge. He has, for several years, been employed in the Registry of Deeds, in East Cambridge, Mass., and was an efficient helper in the work of gathering material for this memorial volume.

694. Edgar R.[8] Thompson (*Edward Turner,*[7] *Timothy,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Chelsea, Mass., March 28, 1853; m. Maria Cornell, Nov. 8, 1881, and lives in Cambridge.

No children.

699. Francis Henry[8] Thompson (*Samuel Adams,*[7] *Samuel,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 3, 1831; m. May 4, 1856, Fannie Hutchinson Thomas, who was b. in East Dixfield, Me., Nov. 11, 1836. They lived in Worcester, Mass., and, during the War of the Rebellion, he entered the army, and did good service for the North until the war closed, when he returned to Worcester, where he was engaged in banking, and where he d. Sept., 1875, his wife having d. before him, Dec. 19, 1872.

Children :

817. i. Eben Francis,[9] b. in Worcester, Jan. 29, 1859. Lives in Worcester and is by profession a lawyer. He is also the author of a popular "Abridgment of Kent's Commentaries of American Law," published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York. Mr. Thompson is not married.

818. ii. William Ingraham,[9] b. in Worcester, April 21, 1867. He is a civil engineer, and resides in Worcester.

705. Jeremiah B.[8] Thompson (*James Lingan,*[7] *Dr. Abraham R.,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Griggsville, Ill., May 13, 1847; m. Sarah Elizabeth Cheek, Nov. 16, 1873, and resides in Flint, Pike Co., Ill., where he is engaged as a farmer.

Children :

819. i. Gilbert B.,[9] b. in Ill., Dec. 28, 1874.

820. ii. James L.,[9] b. in Ill., Nov. 15, 1877.

821. iii. Minnie P.,[9] b. in Ill., July 12, 1880.

822. iv. Harvey Dunn,[9] b. in Ill., Oct. 20, 1885.

706. Henry A.[8] Thompson (*James Lingan,*[7] *Dr. Abraham R.,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Griggsville, Ill., Jan. 5, 1850; m. Mary E. Wade, Oct. 20, 1879, and is a farmer in Flint, Ill.

Children :

823. i. Hardin Wade,[9] b. in Ill., Sept. 14, 1880.

824. ii. Alice,[9] b. in Ill.. Oct. 6, 1881.

707. Frederick W.[8] Thompson (*James Lingan,*[7] *Dr. Abraham R.,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Griggsville, Ill., Oct. 22, 1856; m. Elizabeth Ann Hutchings, Nov. 17, 1880. He is a farmer in Superior, Nuckolls Co., Nebraska.

Children :

825. i. Anna Helen,[9] b. in Ill., Jan. 24, 1882.

826. ii. Emma,[9] b. in Ill., May 7, 1883.

827. iii. Frank H.,[9] b. in Ill., March 5, 1886.

711. Joseph Alden[8] Thompson (*Frederick Wm.,*[7] *Dr. Abraham R.,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, Dec.

23, 1845; m., at East Oakland, Cal., Josephine Elizabeth Morony, Dec. 31, 1876, b. at East St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5, 1853. He is a bank officer and resides in San Francisco, Cal., where all his children were born.

Children:

828. i. Joseph Seaton,[9] b. June 16, 1878.
829. ii. Kathleen Carmelita,[9] b. July 16, 1879.
830. iii. Teresa Frances,[9] b. Jan. 1, 1881.
831. iv. Fred. Paul,[9] b. March 22, 1883.
832. v. Francis Raymond,[9] b. Aug. 31, 1885.

NINTH GENERATION.

717. Hon. Edward Herbert[9] Thompson (*Josiah A.*,[8] *Josiah*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 28, 1857. He was educated in the public schools and the Technical Institute in Worcester, and has been an active member of the Society of Antiquity, and much interested in archæological researches. With this taste in view his friends solicited for him and he received the appointment to the United States Consulship at Yucatan, his residence being Merïda. Here, in addition to his official duties as Consul, he employs considerable time in research and exploration among the many and interesting old ruins, which promise valuable discoveries.

Edward H.[9] Thompson m. Henrietta T. Hamblin.

730. Edwin A.[9] Thompson (*Albert H.*,[8] *Joshua Hall*,[7] *Richard*,[6] *William*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlotte, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1863; m. Elzadie A. Woods, March 11, 1885; is a hardware merchant, and lives in Towner, McHenry County, Dakota.

One child :

833. i. Earl A.,[10] b. in Charlotte, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1886.

744. Samuel Herbert[9] Thompson (*James*,[8] *Samuel*,[7] *Samuel*,[6] *Benjamin*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Blackstone, Mass., May 25, 1858; m. Isanora Ward, March 6, 1884. He is a clerk, and resides in Somerville, Mass.

No children reported.

785. Loammi Chamberlain[9] Thompson (*James Munroe,*[8] *Col. Luke,*[7] *Capt. Jonathan,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Holyoke, Mass., March 5, 1852; m. Clara S. Johnson, of Brookfield, Mass., June 7, 1882. He is a dry-goods merchant, and resides in Brookfield.

Children:

834. i. Philip Stowell,[10] b. in Brookfield, Sept. 14, 1883, and d. Aug. 27, 1884.
835. ii. Abbot Howe,[10] b. July 5, 1885.
836. iii. George William,[10] b. Dec. 6, 1886.

795. Lewis Waldo[9] Thompson (*Leonard,*[8] *Col. Leonard,*[7] *Leonard,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, Sept. 17, 1852; grad. from the Woburn High School in 1871; m. Helen M. Brigham, of Woburn, Oct. 25, 1876, and is a clerk in the hardware store of his father, Leonard Thompson, of Woburn.

No children.

797. Edgar Bradford[9] Thompson (*Leonard,*[8] *Col. Leonard,*[7] *Leonard,*[6] *Samuel, Esq.,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, March 18, 1859; grad. from the Woburn High School in 1878; m. Estelle Howard, of Richview, Ill., Sept. 22, 1885, and resides in Chicago, Ill., where he is chief mechanical engineer in the motive power office of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company.

801. Wibray James[9] Thompson (*Daniel,*[8] *Daniel,*[7] *Dr. Isaac Snow,*[6] *Daniel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Pekin, Ill., Oct. 15, 1852. He graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., in 1874, and from the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York, in 1878. He spent three years in Europe, at Berlin, Hanover, and Lausanne, acquiring a knowledge of the German and French languages. He now has charge of the manufacturing department of the sugar plantation of which his

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father is proprietor, his address being Post Office Pattersonville, Parish of St. Mary, La., Calumet Plantation, Bayou Teche.

He m. Emma Isabel Way, daughter of Thomas P. Way, of New York City, Jan. 15, 1880. She was b. Nov. 14, 1854, and was m. in New York. No children.

805. Arthur Abijah[9] Thompson (*Abijah Franklin*,[8] *Gen. Abijah*,[7] *Major Abijah*,[6] *Sheriff Abijah*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Woburn, July 10, 1858, removed with his mother, after her second marriage, in 1867, to Albany, N. Y., and, Jan. 7, 1880, m. Hattie Elizabeth Story of that city, and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. He joined the Twenty-third Regiment, in 1877, and served for several years as "right and left general guide." Sept. 18, 1882, he was appointed quartermaster of the regiment.

Children:

837. i. A son,[10] b. March 15, 1881; d. March 17, 1881.
838. ii. Abijah Franklin,[10] b. Aug. 19, 1882.
839. iii. Arthur Story,[10] b. March 22, 1886.

COLLEGE GRADUATES.

The following list of graduates from college is not supposed to embrace all the descendants of James Thompson who have enjoyed the advantages of collegiate education, but those who, in different ways, have become known to the writer in his search for other material. In several instances the full course seems not to have been completed; in four, the men died while in college; in two or three, the year of graduation, and, in one or two, the college, has either not been ascertained or is doubtful, and six of the men are now (1887) in college.

Ebenezer Thompson, Harvard University, 1752.
Ezra Thompson, Harvard University, 1756.
John Warriner Thompson, Dartmouth College, 1789.
James Thompson, Yale College, 1789(?).
Jonathan Thompson, Harvard University, 1803.
Abraham Rand Thompson, Dartmouth College, 1815.
Ebenezer Rumford Thompson, Harvard University, 1816.
Daniel Pierce Thompson, Middlebury College, 1820.
Freeman Thompson, Brown University, 1825.
Artemas Thompson, Amherst College, 1826.
Thomas Hunt Thompson, Harvard University, 1826.
Leander Thompson, Amherst College, 1835.
William Austin Thompson, Amherst College, and New York University.
John Andrew Thompson, Amherst College, 1846.
George Washington Thompson, Amherst College, 1847.
Thomas Miller Thompson, Amherst College, 1852.
George Robinson Thompson, Vermont University, 1853.
Charles Wheeler Thompson, Vermont University, 1854.
Frederick Ferris Thompson, Williams College, 1856.
Amherst Lord Thompson, Amherst College, 1856.
Alfred Bowers Thompson, Vermont University, 1858.
Daniel Greenleaf Thompson, Amherst College, 1869.

Fred. Henry Thompson, Amherst College, and Harvard University, 1870.
Everett Augustine Thompson, Amherst College, 1871.
Wibray James Thompson, Cornell University, 1874.
Charles Miner Thompson, Harvard University, 1886.
Abraham Rand Thompson, Harvard University, d. in college, 1830.
Warren Thompson, Amherst College, d. in college, 1872.
Eaton Thompson, d. in college, 1823.

Ferris Sherman Thompson, Princeton College,
*Henry Rumford Thompson, Trinity College,
William Ropes Thompson, Williams College,
Ebenezer Francis Thompson, Cornell University,
*Clark W. Thompson, Rens. Poly. Ins., Troy, N. Y.,
James W. Thompson, University of Minnesota,
} In College, in 1886.

Descendants of James Thompson bearing other names :

Josiah Pierce, Bowdoin College, 1818.
George Washington Pierce, Bowdoin College, 1825.
Ephraim Buck, Bowdoin College, 1839.
Joseph Carpenter Richardson, Bowdoin College, 1840.
Daniel Thompson Richardson, Bowdoin College, 1841.
Ephraim Flint, Norwich University, 1841.
Thompson Isaac S. Flint, New York.
Charles M. Freeman, Bowdoin College, 1845.
Josiah Pierce, Bowdoin College, 1846.
Lewis Pierce, Bowdoin College, 1852.
George W. Pierce, Bowdoin College, 1857.
Benjamin Thompson Frothingham, Harvard University, 1863.
Benjamin Kendall Emerson, Amherst College, 1865.
Joseph E. Walker, Pacific University, 1866.
Daniel Thompson Wheaton, Dartmouth College, 1869.
William Richardson Belknap, Yale College, 1869.
Frank Woodman, Harvard University, 1869.
Alfred A. Newhall, Rochester University (?).
Levi C. Walker, Pacific University, 1873.
William H. Flint, Cornell University, 1874.
Frank A. Hosmer, Amherst College, 1875.
Samuel T. Walker, Pacific University (?).
Walter Woodman, Harvard University, 1875.
Edward Woodman, Harvard University, 1878.
Morris B. Belknap, Yale College, 1877.
Courtlandt C. Clarke, New Jersey College, 1878.
Henry Kirk Williams, Cornell University, 1880.
Josiah Pierce, Cambridge University, England, 1882.
Walter Flint, State College, Maine, 1882.

* Graduated in 1887.

William B. Gooch, Amherst College, d. in college, 1853.
Eugene W. Poole, Tufts College. A member in 1887.
Charles Amherst Chase, Amherst College. A member in 1887.

Taking from the men whose names have here been given,— sixty-seven in number,— eight who are now in college and four who died in college, there remain fifty-five who have gone forth into active life. Of these, eight have been physicians; fifteen, lawyers; eight, clergymen; six, teachers; three, civil engineers, and six, merchants and manufacturers; in all, forty-six, leaving nine whose profession is to the present writer unknown.

In all the professions, there have been many others whose education was obtained outside our more public institutions. Some of these, as Richard Frothingham as an author and Dr. John L. S. Thompson as a physician, have been eminent.

APPENDIX.

The following record of a family which from fifty to sixty years ago settled out of New England, was most unexpectedly received after the Memorial manuscript was completed, most of it after the latter was in the hands of the printer. In the consecutive line of numbers, James Thompson, whose name is here given, appears as number 291, in the family of (156) James[6] and Mary (Sellon) Thompson, of New Salem. After long and persistent inquiry nothing could be learned by the writer from the nearest relatives of the missing family, or families, known to him, beyond what is stated in the account then given. The unlooked-for family record is welcomed to the goodly fellowship of the general brotherhood, though as the result of a seeming accident and of necessity as a supplement. The material for it has been kindly furnished by Clark W. Thompson, of the Rens. Poly. Ins., in Troy, N. Y., and Mrs. Marie Thompson Perry, of Rockford, Ill. Mrs. Perry also furnished the interesting sketch of several members of the family she specially represents.

As the record of the family of James and Mary (Sellon) Thompson is very incomplete as given in its place, it is thought proper to repeat it here as furnished by Mrs. Perry, though it necessarily involves a repetition of a half dozen names and numbers. To this, however, her sketch of the family will be given as an appropriate preface.

"*James Thompson*, our grandfather, was b. in Woburn, Mass., June 5, 1754.* Of his early home life we have no record

* In that part of old Woburn which is now Wilmington. The town records give June 5, 1753, as the date of James' birth.

beyond the bare fact of his removal to New Salem, Franklin County, Mass., where in time he became the proprietor of a saw-mill and a farm. From fragmentary legends of grandmother Mary Sellon, told in the 'long ago' to her daughters, and handed down to us, it would seem that their marriage took place prior to the removal to New Salem. A dozen years ago, the rambling old house with its great chimney and wide, hospitable fireplace, was still standing, and we hope time will leave it yet longer as a barrier to the forgetfulness that creeps over the generations gone.

"Grandmother Mary Sellon, daughter of an English clergyman, was born in England, * and with this fact and the few legends referred to, our knowledge of her ceases. When the brood of children, reared in the old house in New Salem, grew up, the place was too narrow for them all, and our father, James, born May 20, 1788, sought his fortune far away from his kindred. He established the first woolen factory in Canada at the 'Falls of the Twenty,' and carried on this business successfully for many years. While in Canada, he married our mother, Sarah Snure, of Niagara, the daughter of a British officer. He also established a factory and a flour mill near London, and was the proprietor of a large stock farm. The Canadian rebellion threw the country into confusion, and he was unjustly suspected of complicity with the rebels because he had refused to take the oath of allegiance. He established his innocence, and left the country in disgust. The 'far West' was then, as now, the goal of a young man's ambition, and after the difficulties of clearing up a farm in the dense forests of Canada, the trackless Illinois prairies seemed to him almost El Dorado. With more than enough gold in his possession to purchase the then forlorn, muddy hamlet of Chicago, he sought the beautiful Rock River valley, and located at Roscoe, Ill. Our mother, with the energy and ability that characterized her every act, closed out the remaining business affairs in Canada, and, with a train of wagons, nine children, and three servants, set out in the fall of 1842, to join her husband in Illinois. Through all the long

* Said to have belonged to an English family once residing in Amherst, Mass.

journey of seventeen days, across marshes, through forests, and over the dreary stretches of a sparsely-settled country, her energy and courage never faltered, her keen sense of humor never deserted her, and she came to the pioneers of the little village as the radiant incarnation of hope and mental vigor. Our father built a woolen factory, and the hum of its spindles and the click of its flying shuttles made the little village astir with prosperous life. At the time of his death, he was the proprietor of a woolen factory, a flour mill, a dry goods store, and several large farms.

"*Clark W.*, the eldest of the family, went to California with a company of young men, enduring all the hardships of the overland journey. After several years' absence, he returned for a short time to Illinois, and then joined his brother Edward in Southern Minnesota. After several terms in the Minnesota Legislature, he was appointed by Abraham Lincoln, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn. He passed safely through the horrors of the Indian outbreak of 1863, and entered upon a second term of office, when the assassination of Lincoln caused a change in the department. After this, he became the originator and projector of the Southern Minn. Railroad, working it out by indomitable perseverance and energy from an idea to a reality. He was president of that road for many years.

"*Edward*, the second son, located at Hokah, Minn., at an early date, where he constructed a fine water power, and built a flour mill. He was several times elected to the State Senate. The old, uneasy blood of the inventor, that, for generations, has leaped down the line of Thompsons, from father to son, never letting them rest, until they had experimented upon or attempted to improve whatever they came in contact with, stirs itself in him and he can claim several valuable inventions. The 'Steam Digger and Car Unloader' in such common use by every railroad, from Kentucky to Texas, is the result of his thought, and was first used on the Southern Minnesota Railroad. A 'Dryer' for grain elevators, whereby thousands of bushels of damp grain can be dried in a few hours, also owes its origin to him. He is at present operating mills at Blunt, Dakota.

"*John*, the third son, prepared to enter the bar at St. Paul, Minn., but went into the Fourth Regiment, Minn. Infantry, in 1861. He was promoted from the ranks to first lieutenant, selected as adjutant of his regiment, and promoted to captain of Company E. He was wounded seriously at Champion Hills, Miss., reported *mortally* wounded, and left on the field to die. He was taken prisoner by the rebels, but after a few weeks was paroled, and exchanged in Sept., 1863. He was promoted to first Major of Second Minn. Cavalry, and lives near Joliet, Ills., on a large stock farm.

"*James*, the fourth son, located at Lanesboro', Minn., where he is proprietor of mill property. He was nominated for the State Senate, when nomination was equivalent to election, but declined.

"As the 'Salic law' holds good in genealogies, the female line of the 'House of Thompson' needs no review."

MARIE THOMPSON PERRY,

Rockford, Ill."

RECORD.

SIXTH GENERATION.

156. JAMES[6] THOMPSON (*James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in that part of Woburn which became Wilmington, June 5, 1754 (or 1753); in early life removed with the large family of his father to New Salem, Franklin Co., Mass. He m. Mary Sellon, Aug. 20, 1777, was proprietor of a saw-mill, a farm, and a tavern, and d. in New Salem, Oct. 28, 1819, aged sixty-five years. His wife d. March 7, 1813, aged fifty-five years.

Children:

840. i. Isaac,[7] b. in New Salem, Nov. 12, 1778; m. ———; d. Sept. 23, 1811.

841. ii. John,[7] b. in New Salem, Nov. 21, 1781; m. Hannah Townsend; d. Nov. 15, 1859.

842. iii. Polly,[7] b. in New Salem, Dec. 17, 1783; m. Rufus Merriam; d. Nov. 5, 1860.

843. iv. James,[7] b. in New Salem, May 20, 1788; m. Sarah Snure; d. May 16, 1853.

844. v. Josiah,[7] b. in New Salem, Aug. 17, 1790; m. Louisa Houlton; d. April 15, 1855.

845. vi. Anna,[7] b. in New Salem, Oct. 27, 1792; m. Jesse Merriam; d. Feb. 29, 1856.

846. vii. Sarah,[7] b. in New Salem, Aug. 12, 1794; m. Joseph Whittaker, April 8, 1817, and d. March 10, 1856, in Fulton, Wis.

847. viii. Clark,[7] b. in New Salem, April 2, 1798; m. 1, Eliza Smith. 2, Nancy Kendall, and d. May 9, 1863.

The children of Sarah (Thompson) Whittaker were:

1. Franklin,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1818: d. at Janesville, Ill.
2. Frederick,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1819, a sea captain, Philadelphia, Pa. Dead.

3. Sarah Ann,[8] b. March 26, 1822; m. William T. Hall, Beloit, Wis. Children: 1, Alice M.,[9] b. ———; m. Edward Bradley, Milwaukee, Wis. 2, Cassie,[9] b. ———; m. W. Sheafe, Beloit, Wis.
4. Priscilla,[8] b. Sept. 25, 1824; m. Dr. ———, Francis, Minnesota.
5. Henry,[8] b. Sept. 11, 1827: m. Louisa Brace, Fulton, Wis. Children: 1, Evelyn;[9] 2, Agnes.[9]

SEVENTH GENERATION.

840. ISAAC[7] THOMPSON (*James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., Nov. 12, 1778; m. ——, and settled in ——, where he d. Sept. 23, 1811.

Children:

848. i. John,[8] b. ———; m. Pamelia Howell, and d. in Stephenson County, Ill.
849. ii. William,[8] b. ———; m. Peninah Hulse, and d. in Stephenson County, Ill.
850. iii. Mary Ann,[8] b. ———; m. Nelson Bryant.

841. JOHN[7] THOMPSON (*James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., Nov. 21, 1781; m. 1, Hannah Townsend; 2, Hannah St. John; settled in Franklin, N. Y., where he was the proprietor of mills and a farm, and d. Nov. 15, 1859.

Children:

851. i. Mary,[8] b. ———; m. —— Beach; died in Baldwinsville, N. Y.
852. ii. Elizabeth,[8] b. ———; m. William Waters.
853. iii. Albert,[8] b. ———; d. a lawyer in New York City.
854. iv. John S.,[8] b. ———; d. in Franklin, N. Y.
855. v. Hannah,[8] b. ———; m. Orlando Rowe; d. in Binghamton, N. Y.
856. vi. James,[8] b. ———; m. Julia Talliafero; Colonel, U. S. A.

843. JAMES[7] THOMPSON (*James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in New Salem, Mass., May 20, 1788; removed to Canada; m. Sarah Snure, of Niagara, 1824; went thence to Roscoe, Ill., being in both

places a man of great enterprise and extensive business. He died in Roscoe, Ill., May 16, 1853, aged 65 years.

Children, nine born near London, Canada, and two in Roscoe, Ill.:

857. i. Clark W.,[8] b. July 23, 1825; m. Rebecca S. Wells; d. Oct. 11, 1885, at Wells, Minn.

858. ii. Edward,[8] b. March 8, 1827; m. 1, Maria Jenks; 2, Ora Hulbert. Blunt, Dakota.

859. iii. Mary Catharine,[8] b. March 10, 1829; m. James W. Abbott, April 25, 1855. Beloit, Wis.

860. iv. Eliza Jane,[8] b. March 12, 1831; d. Sept. 23, 1871, at La Crosse, Wis.

861. v. John M.,[8] b. Oct. 22, 1832; m. M. Jennie Davison, Jan. 14, 1864. Joliet, Ill.

862. vi. Agnes,[8] b. Aug. 16, 1834; d. June 20, 1850, at Roscoe, Ill.

863. vii. Sarah Anna,[8] b. Aug. 11, 1837; m. Major D. C. Wagner, March 17, 1869. Chicago, Ill.

864. viii. James,[8] b. Nov. 7, 1839; m. Ella Horton, May 10, 1876. Lanesboro, Ill.

865. ix. Marie Louise,[8] b. Aug. 8, 1842; m. Seely Perry, March 16, 1876. Rockford, Ill.

866. x. Frances Augusta,[8] b. at Roscoe, Ill., Dec. 3, 1845; m. Manuel J. Quintero, Aug. 13, 1878; has three children, and resides in Lyons, France.

867. xi. Albert Henry,[8] b. at Roscoe, Ill., April 11, 1847; d. Sept. 7, 1848.

Of the daughters of James[7] and Sarah (Snure) Thompson, the following had children:

Sarah Anna[8] Wagner has children:

1. Fanny Thompson,[9] b. June 3, 1870, at Shannon, Ill.
2. David Charles,[9] b. Aug. 28, 1874, at Chicago, Ill.
3. Anna Marie,[9] b. Dec. 2, 1878, at Chicago, Ill.

Marie Louise[8] Perry has one child:

1. Marie Thompson,[9] b. in Rockford, Ill., May 12, 1880.

Frances Augusta,[8] the wife of Dr. Manuel J. Quintero, resides in Lyons, France, where their three children were born, as follows:

1. Manuel Justo,[9] b. Aug. 7, 1880.
2. Sarita Thompson,[9] b. March 25, 1882.
3. James Thompson,[9] b. May, 1885.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

857. Col. Clark W.[8] Thompson (*James*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was born near London, in Canada, July 23, 1825; m. Rebecca S. Wells, Nov. 14, 1865. She was born in New York, Sept. 27, 1843. He died, greatly lamented, in Wells, Faribault County, Minn., Oct. 11, 1885. His closing years were given to manufacturing.

The career of Col. Thompson was sufficiently remarkable to justify, in addition to the brief and excellent sketch of his sister, Mrs. Perry, already given, the following fuller account taken from the *Daily Pioneer Press* of St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minn., in its issue for Oct. 13, 1885, and entitled, "An Honored Citizen Gone."

AN HONORED CITIZEN GONE.

The death of Col. Thompson has awakened a deep feeling of regret in the southern portion of our State, as well as with his friends and acquaintances elsewhere. There is, perhaps, no single individual living south of St. Paul who has been so intimately connected with the growth and development of this portion of the State as he. And the people all along the line of the Southern Minnesota railroad feel that in his death they have lost a friend and benefactor. Though suddenly and violently stricken down in the midst of his neighbors and friends, and at a time when he had the least occasion to apprehend danger of this kind, his mind was clear, his faith unclouded, and he looked forth into the great future with an unfaltering trust. To the moment of his death he was calm and serene; he did not murmur or complain; nor did he suffer his worldly affairs to irritate or perplex him. He knew well that the end was nigh, and he waited like a hero for the hour of his departure to come.

Col. Thompson was sixty years of age on the 23d day of July last. He was born in Canada, and in early life settled with his father in Illinois on the Rock River a few miles above Rockford, where his father erected a large woolen manufactory. Col. Thompson remained with his father, aiding him in his extensive business until the spring of 1849, when he started with a company of young men to cross the plains to California. He remained on the Pacific coast about three years, and during that time through his energy and good judgment, he accumulated what at that time was considered an ample fortune for a young man. Being strongly attached to his family and friends, and satisfied with his success in California, he returned

in the summer of 1853 to his old home in Illinois, and in the same season joined his brother, who had before that time commenced the erection of a mill at Hokah, Houston County, this State. From this time on Col. Thompson remained a citizen of Minnesota, and became largely interested in the growth and development of his adopted State. In that early day there was nothing that was calculated to promote the interests of the people of the then sparsely settled Territory of Minnesota that did not arrest his attention and command his best efforts to advance. So ardent was he in the promotion of all matters of public concern in Southern Minnesota that the people at an early day looked up to him as one who seemed the best calculated to advance their interests and promote the settlement of the Territory. In the fall of 1854 the subject of this notice was elected to the Territorial legislature in a district which embraced the counties of Winona, Houston, Fillmore and all the counties along the line of the Southern Minnesota Railroad as far west as Faribault County. In 1857 he was one of the constitutional committee. During the panic of the year following he lost nearly every thing he had. Col. Thompson remained in Houston County in business with his brother Edward until the spring of 1861, when he was appointed by President Lincoln superintendent of Indian affairs for the Northern superintendency. He held that office as long as Mr. Lincoln lived, and so discharged its duties in a time of peculiar difficulty and embarrassment as to command the confidence and approval of his superior officers. So well pleased was the Secretary of the Interior with the manner in which Col. Thompson had discharged the duties of his office, that, in the early part of 1865, he was sent by the interior department on a secret and confidential mission to California connected with the management of Indian affairs in that State. After he retired from office in 1865, Col. Thompson returned to Houston County, and at once undertook the difficult task of constructing the Southern railroad from the Mississippi River, opposite La Crosse, to the western boundary of Faribault County. Considering the time when this work was commenced, immediately after the war, and when the finances of the country were in an unsettled condition, one would consider it a great undertaking for a single individual of comparatively limited means to encounter. But Col. Thompson undertook this work alone, and overcoming embarrassments which would have disheartened and broken down many other men of marked ability, succeeded in building the road to Winnebago City, a distance of 170 miles. To-day, for a single person to construct such a road would be a comparatively easy task, provided the party (which is usually the case) were backed up by one of the mammoth corporations of the times. But to succeed at the time that Col. Thompson started out in the enterprise and under the embarrassments that beset him, required for its accomplishment a man of great energy of character, and of inflexible purpose never to submit until he had accomplished his work.

This inflexible purpose was a marked feature in Col. Thompson's character. It did not arise from inordinate thirst for wealth, for this, it is believed, no one will accuse him of possessing, but sprang rather from another and more prominent trait of his character, which was, never to surrender an undertaking after he had once entered upon its accomplishment. So strong was this element of his character that his most intimate friends have often remarked that in some of his favorite schemes, when he had been often baffled and repulsed, he never fully gave up the idea of ultimate success. This fixedness of purpose with Col. Thompson was not confined to his business affairs alone, but it was equally potential in matters of opinion and belief as well. He was afterward elected president of the company. While he was at the head of the road it became financially embarrassed and Mr. Thompson made a trip to Europe to negotiate some of the bonds. By careful management the road pulled safely through its difficulties, and when it was disposed of to the Milwaukee, Mr. Thompson realized a handsome sum of money from the sale. In 1871 Mr. Thompson was elected to the legislative council, as it was then called. About 1875 he purchased a large tract of land near Wells, and entered into farming upon an extensive scale, paying particular attention to dairying and stock, and he has probably done as much as any one man in Minnesota to bring the importance of those interests before the farmers throughout the State. In 1881 he was appointed president of the State Fair Association, which position he held for three years. Last year Mr. Thompson was pressed by the people in the section where he resided, as a Republican candidate for the nomination of governor. Having been educated in the faith of the Scotch Presbyterians, he never for a moment doubted the truth of the doctrine, that in God's appointed time, and according to His plan, he would somehow discharge the duties and fulfil the mission for which God created him. So it was with all his political and moral opinions. Col. Thompson was a very social man, and was strongly attached to his family and friends. He loved society, but he did not court it for the glitter and show which so often captivate the weak, but for the nobler and more useful purpose of social intercourse and profit. Col. Thompson accumulated and expended vast sums of money in Minnesota, and was an active business man, accumulating money that he might pay it out again in useful improvements, that would not only benefit himself but the community. Indeed, it may well be doubted whether any single man in Minnesota has done more than he to advance the interests of the people where he lived, or has shown a deeper interest in the advancement of the best interest of the entire State.

The children of Col. Clark W. and Rebecca S. (Wells) Thompson, five in number, were as follows :

868. i. Clark Wallace,[9] b. at St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 27, 1866. Graduated from the Rens. Poly. Institute, Troy, N. Y., in the summer of 1887, and entered upon his profession as civil engineer.

869. ii. Helmus Wells,[9] b. in New York city, Dec. 14, 1867. A student in the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
870. iii. Harriet,[9] b. in La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 3, 1870; d. Nov. 24, 1870.
871. iv. James Mackey,[9] b. in La Crosse, Wis., May 31, 1873.
872. v. Mortimer Leo,[9] b. in La Crosse, Wis., July 14, 1878.

858. Hon. Edward[8] Thompson (*James,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. near London, Canada, March 8, 1827: m. 1, Maria Jenks, and 2, Ora Hulbert, the former, July 11, 1847, the latter, Sept. 25, 1865. He is proprietor of flour mills in Blunt, Dakota.

Children of Edward and Maria (Jenks) Thompson:

873. i. Alice Maria,[9] b. in Roscoe, Ill., Dec. 15, 1850; m. Eugene G. Perkins, June 8, 1871.
874. ii. James Smith,[9] b. in Roscoe, Ill., March 23, 1853; m. Emma Towne.
875. iii. Clark Jenks,[9] b. in Hokah, Minn., Oct. 19, 1854; m. Addie Dunham.
876. iv. Edward,[9] b. in Hokah, Minn., May 1, 1857; d. Sept. 26, 1858.
877. v. Frank,[9] b. in Hokah, Minn., Feb. 3, 1859; d. June 26, 1882, at Hokah.
878. vi. Annie Louise,[9] b. in Hokah, Minn., Aug. 2, 1862; d. Aug., 1862, at Hokah.

Children of Edward and Ora (Hulbert) Thompson:

879. vii. Charles Edward,[9] b. in Hokah, Aug. 21, 1866. Book-keeper at La Crosse, Wis.
880. viii. Susan Agnes,[9] b. in Hokah, Nov. 5, 1868.
881. ix. Sarah Genevieve,[9] b. in Hokah, Sept. 15, 1870.

861. Major John M.[8] Thompson (*James,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. near London, Canada, Oct. 22, 1832; m. M. Jennie Davison, and, after serving in the army of the Rebellion, in which he was seriously wounded and taken prisoner, he was paroled and promoted to first major of Second Minnesota Cavalry. He lives on a large stock farm near Joliet, Ill.

Children:

882. i. Jennie Marie,[9] b. in Joliet, Ill., Aug. 30, 1865.
883. ii. John Davison,[9] b. in Joliet, Ill., April 6, 1868.
884. iii. Helen Edith,[9] b. in Joliet, Ill., April 8, 1872.
885. iv. Agnes,[9] b. in Joliet, May 2, 1875; d. June 18, 1882.
886. v. Vera,[9] b. in Joliet, Ill., May 29, 1877.

864. JAMES[8] THOMPSON (*James*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. near London, Canada, Nov. 7, 1839; m. Ella Horton, May 10, 1876, is proprietor of mill property, and lives in Lanesboro', Minn.

Children:

887. i. James,[9] b. Oct. 28, 1878.
888. ii. Horton,[9] b. March 17, 1880.

848. JOHN[8] THOMPSON (*Isaac*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. ——; m. Pamelia Howell, ——, and d. in Stephenson Co., Ill. A farmer.

One child:

889. i. Clark E.,[9] b. ——; m. Sarah Horn, ——; d. Dec. 2, 1882. A farmer, Glad Rock, Iowa.

849. WILLIAM[8] THOMPSON (*Isaac*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. ——; m. Peninah Hulse, was a farmer in Stephenson Co., Ill., where he died.

Children:

890. i. Eliza Ann,[9] b. ——; m. D. Meacham, Freeport, Ill.
891. ii. Josephine,[9] b. ——.
892. iii. Douglass,[9] b. ——; d. a soldier in the late civil war.
893. iv. Clara,[9] b. ——.
894. v. Mary,[9] b. ——; m. Prof. Cline.
895. vi. Nelson,[9] b. ——.

NINTH GENERATION.

874. JAMES SMITH[9] THOMPSON (*Edward*,[8] *James*,[7] *James*,[6] *James*,[5] *Dea. James*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Roscoe, Ill., March 23, 1853; m. Emma Towne, Oct. 27, 1881. Lives in Blunt, Dakota.

Children:

896. i. Alice Eva,[10] b. Nov. 25, 1882, in Blunt, Dakota.
897. ii. Gertrude,[10] b. Jan. 1, 1885, in Blunt, Dakota.

875. Clark Jenks[9] Thompson (*Edward,*[8] *James,*[7] *James,*[6] *James,*[5] *Dea. James,*[4] *Lieut. James,*[3] *Simon,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Hokah, Minn., Oct. 19, 1854; m. Addie Dunham, Jan. 23, 1878, and lives in Blunt, Dakota.

Children:

898. i. Mabel,[10] b. Feb., 1879; d. March 25, 1881.
899. ii. Marie,[10] b. May, 1882, at Hokah, Minn.
900. iii. Leslie,[10] b. Jan., 1884.

The following notice of Albert Thompson, the artist, is given as supplementary to the very brief notice found in the genealogy of the seventh generation. The necessary data for a more extended account, not being received in season for use in that notice, furnish a welcome and not inappropriate page or two here.

Albert, the only son of Hon. A. Elbridge[7] Thompson of Woburn, was b. in Woburn, March 7, 1853. From his earliest recollection he evinced a strong taste for drawing, and practised it both in and out of school. Drawing, in his younger school-days, was not taught in the public schools of the town, but *he*, with a pencil, practised the art upon the blackboards and out of doors, wherever there was an opportunity, usually drawing from nature. About the time he left the public school, in his fourteenth year, he obtained some oil colors and made some attempts at painting. At a later period he went to Boston, and received his first instruction in landscape painting from Mr. George F. Higgins. A little later he took lessons from Mr. Virgil Williams, a well-known artist who had passed considerable time in Italy. He also, not far from this time, joined a class who worked from the living model at the Lowell Institute. He also attended Dr. Rimmer's course of lectures on artistic anatomy.

In 1872, in company with Rev. William S. Barnes, then pastor of the Unitarian Church in Woburn, Mr. Thompson travelled for four or five months in Great

Britain and Continental Europe, visiting, as he journeyed, the famous galleries of art. Three years later he made a second trip abroad, with the artists J. Foxcroft Cole and E. L. Weeks. After sketching for a time in Normandy, he went to Paris and, during the winter of the same year, to Italy. Returning home at the expiration of the year, by way of North Wales and Ireland, he was located, during the next four years, in Boston. Among the pictures painted at about this time, were "After the Shower," about 38x54 inches in size, and "Clearing Up," a scene on Cumming's farm in Burlington, near Woburn, and also a large canvass.

In 1878, Mr. Thompson wrote a work called "Principles of Perspective," published by Frost & Adams, Boston, the design of the work being to simplify the art. In 1880 he again visited Paris for the express purpose, in this instance, of studying in one of the French schools of art. Entering Julian's famous Academy, he had the benefit of instruction from the celebrated artists, Jules Lefebvre and G. Boulonger. He also attended the course in Anatomy at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, under M. Duval, returning again at the close of a year to Boston.

Among the later pictures of Mr. Thompson are "An October Afternoon with Cattle," bought by the late D. P. Ilsley of Boston; "Changing Pasture," bought by E. G. Converse of Malden; "More Wind than Rain," in the Public Library of Woburn, and various cattle pieces and pastoral scenes from studies made in Woburn.

To the foregoing account of Mr. Thompson, as an artist, it may properly be added that he is a trustee of the Woburn Public Library.

The following record of descendants of Susannah[6] (Thompson) Sawyer, daughter of Timothy[5] Thompson of Charlestown, was furnished by James Green, Esq., of Worcester, Mass., most of the persons named being residents of that city.

SUSANNAH[6] THOMPSON (*Timothy*,[5] *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, March 24, 1791; m. William Sawyer, Sept 20, 1807, and d. Jan. 9, 1886. Mr. Sawyer, who was b. in Haverhill, Mass., and subsequently removed to Charlestown, d. there in May, 1830.

Children:

1. William,[7] b. in Charlestown, Dec. 15, 1807; m. Susan M. Gibbs, Dec. 14, 1834, and d. in Waltham, May 24, 1852.
2. Susan Lavinia,[7] b. in. Charlestown, Sept. 12, 1809; unm.
3. Mary Thompson,[7] b. in Charlestown, March 3, 1812; unm.
4. Harriet,[7] b. in Charlestown, Sept. 29, 1814; m. David Sewall Messenger, Sept. 1, 1835; resides in Worcester.
5. Timothy Thompson,[7] b. in Charlestown, Jan. 7, 1817; m. Mary E. Stockman, Sept. 1, 1838; resides in Boston.
6. Lydia Ann,[7] b. in Charlestown, May 4, 1821; d. April 2, 1823.
7. Frances Ann,[7] b. in Charlestown, July 3, 1826; m. Abraham P. Prichard, March 22, 1849; resides in Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Sarah Maria,[7] b. in Charlestown, May 2, 1829; d. in Charlestown, unm., Oct. 15, 1885.

HARRIET SAWYER[7] (*Susannah*[6] [Thompson] *Sawyer*, *Timothy*[5] *Thompson*, *Jabez*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Jonathan*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Charlestown, Sept. 29, 1814; m. David Sewall Messenger, Sept. 1, 1835. Mr. Messenger was b. in York, Me., Aug. 23, 1808, subsequently lived in Charlestown, and in 1835, removed to Worcester. Now at No. 20 Chestnut Street.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Sewall,[8] b. in Worcester, July 4, 1836; resides in Worcester.
2. Harriet Ellen,[8] b. in Worcester, July 28, 1840; resides in Worcester.
3. David Sewall,[8] b. in Worcester, Dec. 7, 1842; d. Jan. 24, 1843.
4. William Thompson,[8] b. in Worcester, Aug. 12, 1844; m. Mary Jane Brown, of Laconia, N. H., June 13, 1875; resides in Cambridgeport.
5. Mary Angeline,[8] b. in Worcester, Sept. 22, 1847; m. James Green, of Worcester, June 2, 1881; resides at 61 Elm Street, Worcester.

6. Frank Langdon,[8] b. in Worcester, March 1, 1850; m. Eliza Frances Jordan, of Worcester, Sept. 15, 1885; resides in Worcester.
7. Susannah Sawyer,[8] b. in Worcester, Sept. 11, 1852; m. Horace Walter Child, of Worcester, Nov. 7, 1878; resides in Boston.

Mary Angeline[8] Messenger (*Harriet*[7] [Sawyer] *Messenger, Susannah*[6] *Thompson Sawyer, Timothy*[5] *Thompson, Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Worcester, Sept. 22, 1847; m. James Green, Esq., of Worcester, a Counsellor-at-Law, office, 23 Walker Building.

Children:

1. Mary Sprague,[9] b. in Worcester, June 10, 1882.
2. Thomas Samuel,[9] b. in Worcester, Feb. 9, 1886.

Frank Langdon[8] Messenger (*Harriet*[7] [Sawyer] *Messenger, Susannah*[6] [Thompson] *Sawyer, Timothy*[5] *Thompson, Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Worcester, March 1, 1850; m. Sept. 15, 1885, Eliza Frances Jordan of Worcester, where they reside.

Child:

1. Harriet Frances,[9] b. Aug. 20, 1886.

Susannah Sawyer[8] Messenger (*Harriet*[7] [Sawyer] *Messenger, Susannah*[6] [Thompson] *Sawyer, Timothy*[5] *Thompson, Jabez,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Jonathan,*[2] *James*[1]) was b. in Worcester, Sept. 11, 1852; m. Horace Walter Child of Worcester, Nov. 7, 1878. Resides in Boston.

Child:

1. Richard Washburne,[9] b. Aug. 5, 1880, in Worcester.

In the record of Ebenezer[7] Thompson, of Medford and Charlestown (340), as every effort to trace his family in detail had failed of success, only a very imperfect and unsatisfactory account could be given. By a singular concurrence of events, the name and residence of one of the grandchildren of Ebenezer were ascertained after the Memorial Volume was far along through the process of printing, and, as a result, William G. Hill, Esq., and

his wife, Mrs. Kate C. (Thompson) Hill, of Malden, have kindly furnished the following welcome addition to the record already given :

340. Ebenezer[7] Thompson (*Ebenezer*,[6] *Josiah*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Lieut. James*,[3] *Simon*,[2] *James*[1]) was b. March 17, 1779; m. Hannah Gage, June 17, 1801, and d. Aug. 20, 1849. She was b. July 17, 1777, and d. Dec. 20, 1846.

Children :

i. Catharine G.,[8] b. Dec. 21, 1802; d. aged 11 years.

ii. Eliza Ann Pratt,[8] b. Feb. 11, 1804; d. Aug. 5, 1846; m. James B. Bossuet, April 24, 1823, who d. April 30, 1850. Children :
1. Joseph.[9]
2. James.[9]
3. Catharine.[9]
4. Charles.[9]
5. Mary.[9]

iii. Ebenezer,[8] b. Feb. 11, 1804; d. Jan. 13, 1839; m. Mary Jane, dau. of Stephen and Sally (Jipson) Cutter of Medford, March 1, 1829. Children :
1. George C.,[9] b. March 13, 1830.
2. Otis T.,[9] b. Dec. 11, 1831.
3. William Henry.[9] b. April 7, 1834; d. March 10, 1839.

iv. Hannah G.,[8] b. Sept. 10, 1807. Now (1887) living and in good health; m. 1, Jeremiah F. Johnson, Oct. 15, 1833. He d. at Marion, Texas, 1836, in the war; m. 2, Thomas W. Hunt, Aug. 26, 1837, who d. July 4, 1848. Children :
1. Alonzo F.[9] Johnson, b. ———, 1837.
2. Mary Pauline[9] Hunt, b. May 4, 1840; d. April 25, 1864.

v. Almira Webster,[8] b. June 23, 1810; d. June 27, 1839; m. Stephen Cutter, July 1, 1830, who was born Oct. 6, 1806, or 1808. Children :
1. Stephen Sturgis[9] Cutter, b. Nov. 27, 1830; d. ———.
2. Thomas W.,[9] b. July 25, 1832; d. Oct. 10, 1833.

vi. Charles G.,[8] b. Dec. 18, 1812; m. Elizabeth Wallwork of Manchester, England. Early in life he settled in Richmond, Va., where he has ever since remained, always enjoying the respect and good-will of his fellow citizens. He enjoys good health, and has reared a large family of children, as follows :
1. Charles P.,[9] b. Nov. 6, 1840. An officer of the U. S. Navy before and during the war of the Rebellion. Nearly all the officers in the Navy from the South *resigned* when the

war was about to begin, but Paymaster Thompson was one of the few who were faithful and *remained.* He has continued in the service to the present time.

2. Gardner G.,[9] b. Sept. 29, 1841, was in the Confederate service throughout the whole war, in the Purcell Battery. He was honest in his convictions in so doing. He now resides in Richmond, Va.
3. Ellen A.,[9] b. March 4, 1843.
4. Jennie,[9] b. Feb. 2, 1845; d. Feb. 17, 1846.
5. James T.,[9] b. Nov. 28, 1847; d. May 25, 1850.
6. Kate C.,[9] b. Sept. 6, 1848; m. Nov. 20, 1867, William G. Hill, who was b. Oct. 15, 1840, and resides in Malden, Mass. Children: 1, Beatrice Converse,[10] b. Sept. 28, 1868; d. March 1, 1869. 2. William G.,[10] b. July 10, 1871. 3. Clarence Edward,[10] b. June 8, 1876.
7. Mary Jane,[9] b. Oct. 6, 1850; d. June 15, 1853.
8. Hannah B.,[9] b. May 16, 1852; d. June 18, 1853.
9. Cabell,[9] b. Feb. 6, 1854. He held for some years one of the principal offices in the Post Office at Richmond, Va., where he resides, much esteemed by his business and other associates.
10. Julia Dennison Burr,[9] b. June 24, 1856.
11. Henrietta B.,[9] b. Sept. 24, 1859; d. April 21, 1864.

vii. George,[8] b. Dec. 19, 1816; d. unm. Nov. 26, 1834.

viii. Catharine G.,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1820; m. Stephen Cutter, Aug. 25, 1840, who was b. Oct. 6, 1806, or 1808, and d. April 23, 1870. She now resides with one of her children in Waltham, Mass. Children:

1. Catherine Almira,[9] b. July 16, 1841; d. April 26, 1848.
2. Mary Lenora,[9] b. Sept. 29, 1843.
3. Hannah Elizabeth,[9] b. Jan. 10, 1847; d. ———.
4. Gardner G. T.,[9] b. Oct. 5, 1852; d. Nov. 23, 1861.
5. Catharine Almira,[9] b. Aug. 5, 1855; d. Oct. 16, 1856.

ix. Gardner G.,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1820; d. unm. June 10, 1852.

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